

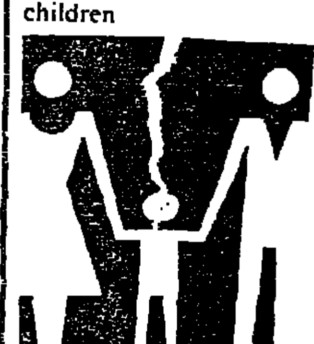
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Pit militants likely to defeat call for strike ballot

From Paul Routledge, Sheffield

Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers look set to continue their five-week-old strike by putting off a secret pithead ballot. Left-wing officials were last night confident that the moderate coalition on the national executive which favours an immediate vote on the stoppage had been destabilized.

However, moderate members of the executive, meeting privately in a Sheffield hotel, were equally adamant that their proposal for a national vote on strike action would be carried today by 13–11.

The result of a pit deputies' poll supported their case, they argued. *The deputies' union* Nacods backed strike action by 7,638 votes to 6,661, far from the two-thirds majority Nacod's rules require for an all-out stoppage.

The left-wingers plan a special delegate conference of the union as soon as possible at which the strike which has closed two thirds of the industry's pits will be relaunched, with fresh pressure on the moderate coalfields to join in.

With a head count still in progress on the eve of the 24-man executive meeting here, *the left is thought to have won* the votes of at least two area leaders who had originally been mandated to support a secret ballot.

About 2,000 police are being drafted into Sheffield city centre today to close off lanes leading to the cul-de-sac where the 11-storey tower block which houses the union's headquarters is situated. Many will also be on duty stopping cars and buses if they are thought to contain miners.

More than 3,000 pickets are said to be on their way to Sheffield to "lobby" executive members as they go in to debate their next step.

The National Coal Board is anxiously awaiting the outcome of today's executive meeting, *perhaps the most critical* in the union's history. Until last weekend, the moderates were still sure that they had a 14-10 *majority to call a strike ballot* on April 17 or 26, which many of them hoped would register a "no" vote on industrial action.

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However, left-wing union leaders launched an alternative strategy at the weekend, *proposing a one-day conference* to "assess the situation" and defer a ballot.

The clear intention of the militants is to prolong the strikes taking place in Yorkshire, South Wales, Scotland, Durham, Northumberland, Kent and parts of the Midlands and to seek to involve areas such as Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Lancashire, where men are still working, normally after local ballots against the strike.

There has been intense pressure to switch the mandates of a number of pro-ballot delegates and the left believes that enough has been done to turn the executive majority in its favour.

Key figures in this calculation are Mr Billy Stobbs, Durham, who has arrived in Sheffield with a mandate to support the conference rather than a ballot, and Mr Idwal Morgan of the cokemen, whose 4,300 members are all on strike and who may defect from the moderate camp.

A further complication is posed by Mr Jim Colgan, Midlands area secretary, who is traditionally regarded as a moderate and whose area has mandated him to vote for a ballot. But he was arrested on a picket line three days ago and could now switch sides. He could not be found yesterday

This air of intrigue surrounding the executive is practically unprecedented. Normally, its outspoken members are only too ready to discuss what is going on in the union and their voting intentions, but the present tension in the industry has prompted many of the "waverers" to go to ground until the executive meeting.

Much will depend on the handling of the agenda by the union's president, Mr Arthur Scargill. *The Times* understands that the special delegate conference will be taken first in the order of business, and if that is so it will offer an opportunity to those who back the strike but have no mandate on a special conference to go for the militant option. If there is a 12-12 tie, Mr Scargill has a casting vote, *and he will use it to pursue the* left's strategy.



Presidential wave: Mr Chernenko acknowledging the ovation that greeted his nomination to the presidency in the Supreme Soviet yesterday.

Chernenko is made President after two months

From Richard Owen Moscow

Mr Konstantin Chernenko, aged 72, was yesterday elected President of the Soviet Union, after being nominated for the post by the man most likely to succeed him, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, aged 53. Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, aged 78, was reappointed Prime Minister despite reports that he might step down. He is a close ally of Mr Chernenko, and together the two men represent ***an administration of continuity*** **rather than change.**

The elections took place at a Kremlin meeting of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's Parliament, which meets twice a year to rubber-stamp Communist Party decisions. It was the first session of the new *Supreme Soviet elected in* March, and will last two days. Mr Tikhonov is to present a list of ministers today.

In a move which further bolstered the position of Mr Gorbachov, now widely seen as the heir apparent, the Supreme Soviet named him chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Soviet of the Union, one of the Parliament's two chambers.

The post gives Mr Gorbachov foreign affairs experience, but more importantly, it has in the past been associated with the ideology portfolio in *the Central Committee* secretariat.

It is not yet clear whether Mr Gorbachov was given responsibility for ideology at the Central Committee plenum on Tuesday, but observers said he now appeared to have broader powers than any other *Politburo member except* Mr Chernenko, who already controls personnel, agriculture and some industry.

In becoming head of state yesterday, Mr Chernenko was following the pattern set by Brezhnev and Andropov, both of whom combined the party leadership with the presidency. Stalin and Khrushchev, by contrast, had been party leader and Prime Minister simultaneously. The Kremlin now feels that the Soviet leader wields greater authority in foreign eyes if he has the title of president formally *chairman of the Presidium of* the Supreme Soviet.

Whereas it took Brezhnev 13 years to gain the presidency *– formerly a purely ceremonial* post – and Andropov eight months, it has taken Mr Chernenko only two months. He succeeded Andropov as party leader on February 3.

Proposing Mr Chernenko, Mr Gorbachov said combining the functions of party leader and President was of "tremendous significance" for Soviet foreign policy, which was indivisible from party policy.

Mr Gorbachov praised Mr Chernenko as a "staunch fighter for communism and

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Heath accuses Cabinet of gerrymandering over GLC

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Edward Heath accused the Government last night of gerrymandering, funking elections and threatening the good name of the Conservative Party with ill-considered, misconseived and unnecessary legislation to pave the way for abolition of the Greater London and metropolitan councils.

In his most forthright and most critical statement of opposition to government policy, Mr Heath completely upstaged and flatly contradicted Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, in the second reading debate on the local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.

Mr Jenkin said that the Government had no alternative but to suspend metropolitan council elections and, in the 11-month interim before powers were taken on by boroughs and metropolitan districts, to allow the successor authorities to *nominate transitional bodies.*

He said that it would have been absurd to have allowed elections to take place in the ordinary way, and he added: "There has been a lot of humbag about this suspension amounting to a denial of democracy."

But after a highly critical speech from the Opposition front bench, from Mr Cunningham, Mr Heath intervened to echo many of Labour's criticisms.

The former Prime Minister said: "Our job is to look after the welfare of all the people who are going to be affected by this legislation and I believe on this side of the House our responsibility is to look after the good name of the Conservative Party.

"Now I *am going* to vote against tonight's Bill, and so will others on this side of the House and I will say to the Secretary of State quite frankly why. It is a bad Bill and it is paving the way for a worse Bill."

He said it was bad because it was a negation of democracy, replacing an elected body with an indirectly elected body, and he again contradicted Mr Jenkin when he said that there was no precedent for such action.

But far worse than that, he said, was the fact that the *Government* was about to change the party of London's government – by party dictat.

"There cannot be any justification for this. And immediately it puts the Conservative Party open to the charge of the greatest gerrymandering in the last 150 years of British history."

He said that the Government should allow the elections go ahead. Suspension must produce the charge that the Tories were "just *funking elections.*"

Yet the great majority of Conservatives on GLC wanted an elected London administration.

Mr Heath responded to one of a number of Tory interjections and said: "We want an elected House of Commons; why shouldn't they want elected London government?"

He delighted the Labour benches, Conservative rebels – and *Mr Kenneth Livingstone,* sitting in the public gallery behind him, when he said that this point had been underlined in the public mind by the way in which the Government had handled the issue.

It had achieved the inconceivable. "What it has done is to mobilize a great majority of public opinion in London behind Mr Kenneth Livingstone. Who two years ago, would *have thought that* that was possible?"

Mr Francis Pym, the former Foreign Secretary, said that the Government, with its large majority, was not treating the House with respect. The Bill was a bad precedent. "If this Bill is passed I am afraid the *Government* and the Conservative Party will rue the day."

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Cheysson blunt with Britain

From Ian Murray Strasbourg

Britain is not to be offered any further concessions in its argument in the EEC over budget contributions, M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, said in Strasbourg yesterday evening.

Speaking as President of the *EEC's Council of Ministers,* M Cheysson said that while there was every sympathy for Britain the problem was not going to be dealt with immediately and "we are not going to lose any sleep over that."

If Britain was not prepared to come forward with concessions of its own it could only be assumed that it was also in no rush to get a settlement.

M Cheysson never referred to Britain by name but called it the country "with the greatest interest in the problem."

He said the other nine countries in fact had done a kind of striptease to try to interest Britain but had failed to get any reaction. "We were a bit wounded, because we felt we were a bit more attractive than that," he added.

As far as the other nine were concerned, all the necessary proposals and initiatives to solve the problem had now been made. While nothing was happening in negotiations on the budget M. Cheysson said that the Community was continuing to make good progress. For this reason, he saw no need for President Mitterand to hold a special summit conference on the future of the Community as he had suggested after the failure of the Brussels summit

M Claude Cheysson: "A bit wounded".

Furious Goldwater turns on CIA

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Central Intelligence Agency's role in laying mines in and around Nicaragua's three main ports has exploded into one of the biggest controversies President Reagan has faced *since he moved into the White* House.

In an unprecedented display of congressional displeasure, the Republican-controlled Senate voted by an overwhelming 84-12 late on Tuesday to condemn US participation in mining operation which was reportedly *damaged eight vessels from five* nations.

The senators are angry with the Administration for engaging in such a provocative action. But they are even more furious at being kept in the dark about what the CIA was up to in Nicaragua.

The extent of the Senate's indignation was reflected in a scathing letter which Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep. Arizona), chairman of the Intelligence Committee and normally a strong supporter of the CIA, sent to Mr William Casey, the agency's director.

The Senator, in an angry *letter whose contents have been* widely leaked, wrote: "The President has asked us to back his foreign policy. But how can we back his foreign policy when we don't know what the hell is going on?"

Senator Goldwater, one of Presidents Reagan's most staunchly conservative supporters, described the mining of Nicaragua's waters as "an act of war ... I don't see how we are going to expalin it".

The letter predicted that the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives would defeat the Administration's request for $21m (£14m) to finance covert operations in Nicaragua "and

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Challenger mission vindicated

From Trevor Fishlock New York

The space shuttle Challenger is scheduled to return to base tomorrow at the end of its eventful pioneering repair trip, its mission vindicated.

Dr George Nelson and Mr James Van Hoften yesterday worked for an hour and a half on the Sun-studying satellite Solar Max in the shuttle's cargo bay, replacing damaged components. They said the operation was like performing surgery with boxing gloves.

The new components will be tested today.

● MOSCOW: India's first man in space, Rakesh Sharma, returned safely to Earth yesterday with his two Soviet cosmonaut colleagues after a week on board the orbiting space station Salyut 7 (Reuter reports).

Their descent module touched down near the Soviet Central Asian town of Arkalik

Hambro agrees £1bn merger

By William Kay City Editor

Plans for a £1 billion financial services group were *announced yesterday* with the news that Charterhouse J Rothschild, the merchant bank, intends to merge with Hambro Life Assurance.

The deal will bring together two of the most innovative talents in the City: Mr Jacob Rothschild and Mr Mark Weinberg.

The new group will cover a wide span, from unit trusts, portfolio management and personal banking to consumer and corporate finance, leasing, venture capital and investment banking up.

The combined group will have 29.9 cent of the London stockbroking firm Kitcat and Aitken. It has a major presence on Wall Street through a 50 per cent stake in L F Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin.

The first stage in the merger was reched yesterday, when Hambros Bank conditionally agreed to sell its 24.8 per cent stake in Hambro Life to Charterhouse J Rothschild. The



Mr Mark Weinberg (left) and Mr Jacob Rothschild.

price will be £60.4m cash and 55 millio CJR shares.

The shares are worth some £66m, putting a value of £126m on the stake. *That in turn* implies that Hambro Life has a total worth of £508m. CJR's stock market value yesterday was £460m.

The agreement is conditional on the approval of both sets of shareholders and the Office of Fair Trading, not referring the *proposed* purchase to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The exact form of the ultimate merger has yet to be worked out, but a new holding company Allied Rothschild Charterhouse, will be created. Mr Rothschild and Mr Weinberg will be joint chairmen, but Mr Weinberg will be executive chairman.

The *new group will rank as* Britain's sixth biggest financial services company, behind Barclays, National Westminster, Prudential Corporation, Lloyds Bank and Royal Insurance. It will be bigger than Commercial Union Assurance and Midland Bank.

An important aim will be to compete on an international scale.

Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance which owns 10.2 per cent of Hambro Life, was keeping "an open mind" on the proposed merger.

● Woolworth Holdings, one of Britain's largest High Street retailers, last night announced a £1.77m takeover of the electrical discount Comet Group.

Comet's chairman, Mr Michael Hollingbery, has accepted Woolworth's terms with his 30.9 per cent stake worth £65m. He will join the Woolworth board.

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Sexist words removed

Australia to get new anthem

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Australia is to get a new national anthem, but only after the wording has been amended to remove sexist references.

The Federal Cabinet decided yesterday that "Advance Australia Fair", which up until now has been the country's national song, was to be officially adopted as the anthem, with the offending passages re-worded.

"God Save the Queen" will be relegated to regal occasions only. *The decision means,* for example, that athletes, assuming they win Olympic medals, will hear the new anthem in Los Angeles this year.

Making the announcement in Canberra, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, gave examples of passages which would be altered.

"Australia's sons, let us rejoice..." would now read "Australians all, let us rejoice." *The verse "Loyal sons beyond the seas"* will now read "For those who come across the seas."

Mr. Hawke said that the Cabinet had discussed but rejected a proposal to change the flag.

"There are deeper feelings about that and I respect those, because you have people who have fought under the existing flag, who have relatives who have died under that flag and that arouses deep feelings and emotions. There's no intention to move precipitously."

"Advance Australia Fair" *was chosen as Australia's* national song in a referendum in 1976, beating "Waltzing Matilda". Although "Waltzing Matilda" had its supporters it is felt that it does not quite have the necessary stirring qualities needed for an anthem.

Mondale takes strong lead after Pennsylvania

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Walter Mondale won the presidential primary in Pennsylvania with a big lead over Senator Gary Hart, putting him firmly in front in the race for the nomination in July.

With *results incomplete* last night, he had captured 124 delegates, against 17 for Mr Hart and one for the Rev Jesse Jackson. It puts him past the halfway mark towards 1,976 the number needed to win

Mr Jackson scored another triumph among black voters. He said he spent not a penny on television, newspaper or poster advertisements.

The state sends 195 delegates to the national convention, but only 172 were up for election in Tuesday's poll.

Mr Mondale's victory reestablishes him as the dominant contender, but he has said cautiously that there are many important contests still to be fought.

The provisional count of delegates: Mr Mondale: 1,070 (previously 946): Mr Hart: 568 (551); Mr Jackson: 152 (151); Others: 60 (58); Uncommitted 332 (329).

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Tisdall taken to an open prison

Sarah Tisdall, aged 23, the former Foreign Office clerk jailed for leaking cruise missile documents to *The Guardian*, was transferred yesterday to an open prison near Maidstone, Kent.

She was taken by car from Holloway prison in north London to East Sutton Park women's open prison. She is likely to spend 14 weeks there and will be put on trust not to abscond.

Tisdall has served two weeks of her six-month prison sentence at Holloway. At the Court of Appeal on Monday the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, *refused her leave to appeal* against the sentence imposed on March 23.

She had admitted breaching section 2 of the Official Secrets Act. If she obeys prison rules she will qualify for a third remission and could be released by mid-July.

Bettaney trial in camera

The entire second day of the trial at the Central Criminal Court of Mr Michael Bettaney, the *MI5 officer accused of 10 charges* under the Official Secrets Act, was held in camera yesterday.

Mr Bettaney, aged 34, of Coulsdon, Surrey, has pleaded not guilty to charges including allegations that he offered himself to the KGB by posting material through the letterbox of a Soviet diplomat and intended to go to Vienna to approach the KGB there when he got no response in London. The case continues today.

100mph Botham is banned

The cricketer Ian Botham was banned from driving for a month and fined £110 yesterday for travelling at 100mph on a motorway. Botham, aged 28, who plays for Somerset and England, admitted breaking the 70mph speed limit.

Magistrates at Whitminster, near Gloucester, were told that the police followed his Saab at 100mph for seven miles on the M5. Mr Alan Herd, for the defence, said the ban would be particularly hard-hitting because of Botham's forthcoming testimonial season.

Tory linked to Front resigns

A Conservative candidate in next month's Dundee City Council elections has withdrawn because party officials discovered that he stood as a parliamentary candidate for the National Front in Dundee, East, seven years ago.

Mr Ian Bunce, aged 47, a bus driver, was to contest Hilltown ward. His resignation leaves Hilltown, a Labour stronghold, without a Conservative candidate.

Arts Council to administer half of £34m extra aid

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Arts Council will be given a *new role of supporting* arts organizations now funded by the Greater London Council and metropolitan authorities when the councils are abolished in 1986.

Lord Gowrie, the Minister for the Arts, yesterday unveiled his long-awaited formula for ensuring that the arts do not suffer through the reorganization.

While he gained some admiration, even among his opponents, for the amount of money he had won for the tack, the method of distributing it still left some concern, notably in London.

Mr Ken Little, vice-chairman of the GLC arts committee, said: "Lord Gowrie has provided plenty of sticking plaster to cover over the problems which abolition will cause but the problems are still there.

"It is not hard to work out that the development of community and minority arts will receive a less sympathetic hearing."

Lord Gowrie announced that the Government will make £34m available in 1986 for assisting arts affected by abolition of the councils and an equivalent sum in later years. He had fought for £40m from the Treasury, and had initially been told that £30m was the final offer.

There was little doubt that the final settlement represented something of a victory for him, although part of it comes from an undisclosed reduction in rate-support grant to councils in the areas where the money will be channelled.

The fund falls £4m short of the amount which Lord Gowrie believes the GLC and the metropolitan councils would *have been spending* on the arts in 1986-87, and he made clear yesterday that he would be strongly urging borough and district councils to make up the difference.

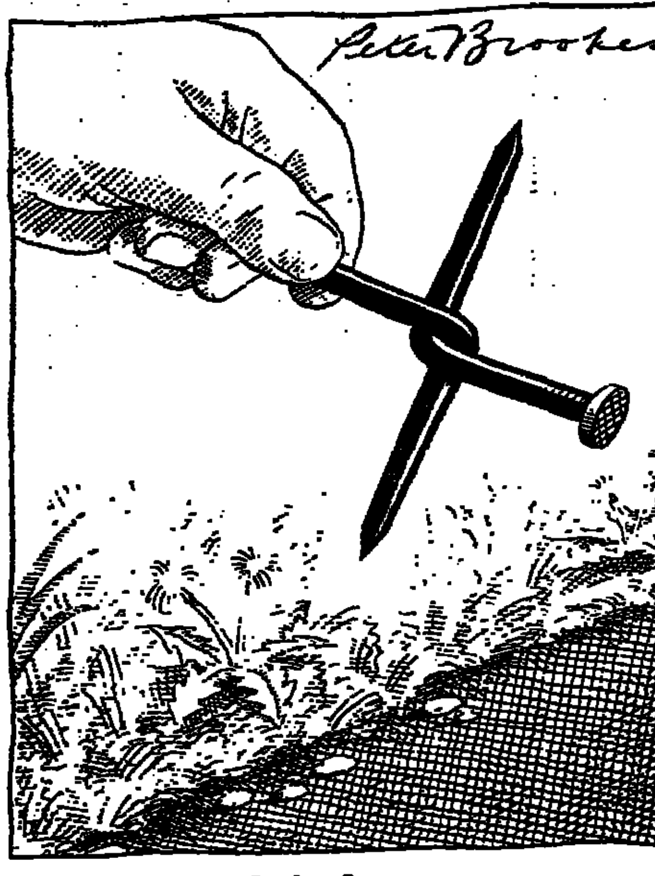
The arts Council will receive £16m and responsibility for London's South Bank. Lord *Gowrie said that while individual funding decisions would be* a matter for the council, the Government would expect that most of the £16m would be spent in the GLC and metropolitan council areas, "at least for the first few years".

He denied that necessarily meant that London, which at present receives £17m a year in arts support from the GLC, would be worse off through the reorganization. The Arts Council announced a £6m shift in arts funds from London two weeks ago as part of its new development strategy.

The costs of large museums and art galleries, estimated at £17m for the first year of the scheme's operation, will be met by central government. That represents a change of mind by the Office of Arts and Libraries, which had wanted them to be *linked with the present national* institutions.

Lord Gowrie's announcement was welcomed by the chairman of the Arts Council, Sir William Rees-Mogg, who said that it went much beyond the original consultative document.

"This should greatly help to provide the continuity of funding for the companies affected, though of course there will still be an important role for the successor local authorities, with whom we shall be working in close partnership".



Moderation . . . . . or escalation?

NHS 'will benefit' from pay beds move

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

The Department of Health and Social Security is to allow private patients to use national health beds if pay beds are full, and vice-versa.

The moves were welcomed yesterday by Dr Frank Wells, head of the British Medical Association's hospital division, who said: "It should allow the National Health Service to maximize its income from private patients".

Under the old rules, hospitals were given a designated number of pay beds. When full, further private patients could not be admitted. Now, health authorities can apply to be given a number of "pay bed days" – for example 10 private beds would allow 3,560 pay bed days a year. If those beds are full, but there are empty health service beds, private patients can be put into them and charged, as long as the annual quota is not exceeded.

The department said that the present rules, aimed at stopping private patients being given priority, would prevent hospitals putting private patients into health service beds if health service patients were available.

Dr Wells said: "The change should make it possible at times to have rather more private patients in a hospital than in the past, while private patients places can also be used more flexibly for health service patients. Both sides should benefit. It should mean fewer beds sitting empty."

The department expects health service income from pay beds to rise next year to about £60m, after an average 9 per cent increase in pay bed charges from April 1. The number of pay beds in the health service has been increased from 2,402 in 1979 to 2,995.

The 9 per cent rise led some consultants to express fears that health insurance premiums *would rise, although both* BUPA and PPP, the market leaders, received the increase with equanimity.

That is chiefly because pay bed charges in provincial teaching hospitals rose by 6.4 per cent, and in London teaching hospitals by 3.6 per cent, while the charge for most London postgraduate hospital pay beds dropped by 20p.

Falklands hospital fire inquiry

By Alan Hamilton

A Government inquiry into the fire at Port Stanley hospital, in which seven patients and a British nurse lost their lives, is to examine why previous warnings of extreme fire hazards apparently went unheeded.

The inquiry will also investigate why the RAF firefighting team from Stanley airfield did not arrive at the scene until two hours after the blaze had started at 4.30am on Tuesday.

Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, told the Commons yesterday that British experts were being sent out to assist the inquiry and a member of the Inspectorate of Fire Services would leave for Port Stanley next week.

"The question of hospital services on the islands has been the subject of consideration on a number of occasions since 1982. This has included study *of reports which referred to fire* hazards and precautions in the hospital buildings: the extent to which the recommendations in these reports were carried out will, of course, be a priority issue for the inquiry," Mr Raison said.

A report was also prepared by the Overseas Development Administration on the island's hospital facilities, but yesterday it refused to disclose details of its contents. However, Mr Adrian Monk, head of the Falkland Islands Office in London, told *The Times* that the fire danger of the hospital had been well known.

Medical supplies to replace those lost in the fire are being flown out from Britain on the Hercules air bridge to Stanley tomorrow.

Bishop urges IRA killers to repent

From Richard Fox, Belfast

The leaders of Provisional Sinn Fein, political wing of the Provisional IRA, were invited yesterday to denounce the killers of Mary Travers.

In one of his strongest attacks on both organizations, Dr Cahal Daly, Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor, told mourners at her funeral that there could be no more illusions about an heroic "armed struggle" or "glorious cause".

He called on Provisional Sinn Fein supporters to remember Miss Travers, aged 22, a teacher in a Roman Catholic school in Andersonstown, west Belfast, when they were asked to vote for the organization.

Appealing to people involved in the killing to go to him for forgiveness, Dr Daly said that they had been brainwashed and deceived.

Hundreds of mourners packed St Brigid's chapel, South Belfast, including Miss Travers's class of 23 six-year-old boys who brought their own tribute on a card which included the message: "I love Miss Travers".

Five carried wreaths into the chapel and during the Requiem Mass they placed cards and posies on her coffin.

The mourners at the chapel where Miss Travers had been worshipping on the day she was shot were led by Mrs Joan Travers, who was supported by her sons and daughters.

Earlier, she had told her husband, Thomas, hit six times in the ambush last Sunday, that his eldest daughter was dead.

Mr Travers, aged 56, a resident magistrate, was said last night to be stable in the intensive care unit of Belfast City Hospital.

Sinn Fein's publicity director, Mr Danny Morrison, yesterday described Miss Travers's death as regrettable, and criticized Dr Daly's remarks.

A girl, aged 19, from west Belfast, arrested shortly after Sunday's shootings, was still being questioned last night.

● Mr Justice MacDermott yesterday dismissed the case against Brendan Spencer Tracey, aged 24, charged with murdering Mrs Alice Purvis, last May (the Press Association reports).

Mrs Purvis died while trying to shield her husband Brian, a staff sergeant in the Royal Pioneer Corps who came from Dorset, when two IRA gunmen burst into her sister's Waterside home. Her husband and sister, Mrs Ann Wasson, were wounded.

Tracey, who was in England at the time, was also cleared at Belfast Crown Court of attempting to murder Staff Sergeant Purvis and wounding his sister-in-law.

● Provisional Sinn Fein should be liable for compensation for violence committed by its military wing, Sir George Baker, a former High Court judge, recommended yesterday in *his review of Northern* Ireland emergency laws.

● The owner of the woods where the supermarket executive Mr Don Tidey was held captive by the IRA for 23 days was sentenced to seven years imprisonment by Dublin's Special Criminal Court yesterday for his part in the abduction. The last five years of the sentence on John Curnan, aged 59, of Ballinamore, co Leitrim, were suspended because of his ill health.

S. Atlantic veterans in D-Day drop

By John Witherow

British paratroopers who fought in the Falklands will take part in a parachute drop over Normandy in June to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Men from 2 Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, who captured Goose Green against overwhelming odds, will jump over Pegasus Bridge on June 5 near the town of Ranville, where the regiment has a memorial.

The Ministry of Defence yesterday outlined further details of the ceremonies, some of which will be attended by the Queen, President Reagan and *President Mitterand*.

The ministry is not organizing the ceremonies, but Lieutenant-Colonel John Arthur, chairman of its D-Day working party, said it wanted to give as much support as possible because this was "likely to be the last major remembrance of the landings that many of the veterans will be able to attend."

Left tries to stop no-strike deals

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A move to commit the trade union movement to a policy of opposition to the growing tide of "no-strike" agreements in industry has been started by left-wingers who are worried that the Government will use the agreements as a precedent for curbs on strikes in the public services.

The first step in a campaign to "outlaw" no-strike agreements was taken yesterday at a meeting of the TUC's influential economic committee. The left's aim is to put down a *marker for the annual congress* in Brighton in September, when it is expected to be a big issue.

Yesterday's meeting referred the question to next week's meeting of the TUC's employment policy committee. It will eventually be debated by the general council.

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, caused some embarrassment when he tried to get the issue discussed at the economic committee, which was attended by Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, of the Transport Workers, and Mr Terence Duffy, of the engineers, who are both seeking a membership deal for Nissan's proposed assembly plant at Washington, co Durham.

The Japanese company has made plain that it is looking for a single-union agreement covering the initial workforce of 500, giving a no-disruption guarantee.

Teachers to be told of improved offer

By Colin Hughes

Leaders of teachers' unions are expected to hear tomorrow that their pay offer can be increased to 4 per cent but the union which shut hundreds of schools yesterday by staging a half-day strike is likely to reject the offer.

Pupils had an extra half-day holiday yesterday when 120,000 members of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT) walked out.

In Northern Ireland, where most teachers belong to the union, every school closed at lunchtime. The strike shut 120 secondary schools in Greater Manchester, all 70 schools in North Lancashire, 130 in West Yorkshire, and all of Northumbria's middle and secondary schools.

Some areas, such as Inner London, Devon, Haringey, Harrow, and Bromley, had broken up for the Easter holidays and were unaffected. Others, such as Berkshire, broke up yesterday lunchtime for Easter, and many schools did not open in the morning.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the union's deputy general secretary, said that the level of support shown was "almost embarrassing", and should demonstrate the pressure from teachers for a fair settlement to be rached over the two-week Easter break.

It the teachers do not accept the improved offer which was made privately to their negotiators earlier this week the NAS/UWT and the National Union of Teachers (NUT), with 230,000 members, will begin next term with one-day strikes.

The teacher's anger has been fuelled by the employer's refusal so far publicly to improve the 3 per cent offer made last week, although Scottish teachers have won 4.5 per cent.

Authorities elsewhere would not be able to pay more than 4 per cent without incurring government spending penalties or cutting into other parts of their budgets, and it is clear that the Department of Education and Science will not help out with extra cash.



Classroom closedown: Teachers walking out from Chase Cross School, Romford, Essex yesterday

The miners' dispute

Archbishop supports efforts to save pits

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, is supporting the National Union of Mineworkers' policy on pit closures.

In a letter to Durham miners who asked him to support their campaign to save pits in the Easington district, he says: "I believe we owe it to future generations not to close pits before they are properly worked out, just as we owe it to the present generation not to destroy jobs until there is an overwhelming case for doing so."

The letter went on: "I am fully aware of the serious consequences which might follow the premature closing of pits. There is to my mind in the future clear reason for caution about pit closures, in that they entail the irreversible abandonment of an energy source for the future".

Dr Habgood is in London. A spokesman at his office said that the Archbishop backed the miners' efforts to keep pits open but refused to comment on their picketing tactics.

The Confederation of British Industry gave its support yesterday to Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, and his handling of the miner's strike.

Mr MacGregor won the backing of the leaders of many big companies after giving the CBI council a briefing on the dispute.

Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the CBI, said: "We must sit this out". He said that there was no evidence that *shortages of coal were affecting* industry.

However, the CBI has set up a special unit to monitor any problems its members may have in gaining supplies. If problems do emerge the CBI is prepared to put members in contact with companies that have surplus stocks.

Most of 1,000 arrests on public order charges

By Craig Seton

Almost a thousand miners have been arrested in the five weeks since their strike started, it was disclosed yesterday.

Most have been charged with one of two public order offences, obstructing the police or conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace, but others have been accused of a variety of offences including assaulting police officers, threatening behaviour, possession of offensive weapons and of being drunk and disorderly.

Although some miners have been arrested, but not charged, many others have appeared before magistrates courts and have been bailed to appear at a later date, frequently on condition that they go nowhere near pits other than their own.

One miner, at least, has been remanded in custody for a week after first being released on bail charged with obstruction and appearing a second time charged with threatening behaviour.

It is the Nottinghamshire police force which heads the list for the largest number of arrests made. By yesterday, when there were a further 12 arrests, 491 arrests had been made, including 42 which had not been followed by a charge. The county's 25 pits, where miners have continued working, were singled out early on for special attention by neighbouring Yorkshire miners.

● A Home Office inquiry into the policing of the strike was called for yesterday by police authority members of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities at a meeting in Birmingham.

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Bangledeshi retains chess lead

From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent Oakham

The Bangladesh master, Niaz Murshed, retained his lead in the Oakham junior international chess tournament yesterday. A brief draw in eight moves with the Icelandic player, Elvar Gudmundsson gave Murshed a fine score of 3½ points.

There was much lively play in the other games in this session. The Scottish player, Craig Thomson, sacrificed a little too wildly against the American master, Maxim Dlugy, and lost after 29 moves. Thus Dlugy came up to share second place

'Short won an impressive game in his best massive style against Crawley and should prove chief rival to Murshed for first place.

Results in round four: Gudmundsson ½, Murshed ½; Gallagher ½, Georgiev ½; Dlugy 1, Thomson 0; Crawley 0, Short 1; Levitt ½, Stohl ½; Horvath 1, Hofmann 0; Hawksworth 1, Norwood 0; Wong 0, Hodgson 1; Condie ½, Stanisterwald ½; Hjorth 1, Gil-Gonzales 0; Kozul 1, Ostenstad 0; D'Amore 1, Lane 0; Ardaman 0, Klinger 1; Zysk 1, Abeling 0; Orivas 1, Needham 0; Kuznecov ½, Walker ½.

The games between King and Dawson, Wells and Luce, Cramling and Conquest and Bradbury and Howell were adjourned.

Adjourned games results, round three: Short ½, Levitt ½; Georgiev 1, Condie 0; Hofman ½, Stohl ½; Thomson 1, Wong 0; Abeling ½, Hjorth ½; Needham ½, Zysk ½, Norwood 1, Bradbury 0; Howell ½, Ardaman ½.

Sale room

Disappointing two days for Chinese art

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's jumbo sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art has seen lot after lot left unsold. It has been the most dispiriting two-day run for the Chinese market for several years, apart from a single record-breaking fourteenth-century vase on Tuesday.

The auction ran to four sessions and only about half the lots were finding buyers. Yesterday morning the only bright spot was furniture. No important pieces were on offer but they were selling.

A fifteenth-century blue and white saucer dish decorated with a flower and leaf tendril pattern characteristic of the period sold at £21,600 (estimate £25,000 to £40,000). But another other fourteenth century dish was unsold at £4,200 (estimate £5,000 to £10,000) and a little stem bowl at £4,400 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000).

The gilt bronze figures were particularly unsuccessful. An ornamentally caparisoned elephant of the sixteenth century, 35cm long, was left unsold at £15,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000) and a massive bronze Bodhisattva dated 1595 was unsold at £7,500 (estimate £9,000 to £12,000). In most other fields the quantity rather than the quality failed to sell.

Yesterday afternoon was devoted to jades and things proved marginally easier, with more than two thirds of the sale finding buyers and a pair of carved spinach green screens selling to Spink's at £13,500 (estimate £6,000 to £10,000).

The explanation of the trouble seems to lie with the new Christie's policy of holding occasional huge sales instead of regular small ones. With 691 lots for sale over two days the market proved unable to absorb so much material at one time.

Very few pieces were of exceptional quality, and few foreign dealers had bothered to fly in. To cap it, many of the lots had been on the market before; dealer's fancies are seldom tickled by pieces they have seen before.

In all areas of the art market prices have been rising for goods of exceptional quality and falling or staying put for middle range items over the past year or so.

Spink's was holding an important sale of trade tokens at the Cavendish Hotel yesterday. The morning sale made £28,240, with every lot finding a buyer and some as much as tripling pre-sale estimates. The total for the day was £89,152.

Pension for jobless may be extended

By Richard Evans

Higher rates of benefit, equivalent to a pension, for long-term unemployed people aged fifty were backed unanimously yesterday by the Commons Select Committee on Employment.

The increased payment, already made to jobless people aged over sixty, would cost an extra £450m a year, according to the Prime Minister, but the committee said that there was a strong case for extending the scheme.

The committee also recommends that the £25 a week payment to trainees on the Youth Training Scheme be increased "at least in line with inflation".

There was no comment in the committee's report on the Manpower Services Commission's corporate plan for the next four years on the proposed closure of all but 350 of its 1,000 high street Job centres, which was leaked by trade union leaders on April 5.

Although questioned by the committee a week before the closure plan was disclosed and when it was already known to senior commission officials, they failed to hint at the controversial proposal when they appeared before MPs.

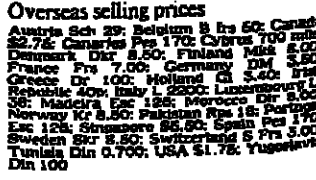
NUJ dispute worsens

The National Union of Journalists (NUJ) yesterday decided to step up its action against Mr David Dimbleby's newspaper group and TBF Printers, the company that now produces his publications.

Delegates at the union's annual conference agreed in closed session to resume picketing outside the Nottingham premises of T Bailey Forman, the parent company of TBF Printers, "at a time appropriate to the production of *Dimbelby newspapers*".

The conference also decided to organize regular picketing at the headquarters of Mr Dimbleby's newspaper group in Richmond, south London; to picket newsagents in Richmond selling Dimbleby newspapers; and to hold regular demonstrations in the town.

Later, delegates called the nationla executive to organize industrial action throughout the NUJ membership should Mr Dimbleby win any contempt of court action.



Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 60; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 36; Madeira Esc 128; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 128; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100



Churches too leftist and ill informed on economics, academics say

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

British churches were criticized yesterday for making biased and ideological statements on political affairs.

A group of academics connected with the Institute of Economic Affairs published a critique of 20 documents from church sources, which they found to be "sloppy, ill thought out, ignorant, one-sided, addicted to secular fashion, uncritical of conventional wisdom, hysterical, ... and uncharitable to those who disagree."

The institute, whose own policies are in support of free market economics, sponsored the project to redress what it says is an imbalance in the way church leaders and representative church bodies discuss social and poitical issues.

The churches have become too left-wing and are hostile to capitalism and to wealth, the panel of academics concluded.

Their criticisms are published in *The Kindness that Kills*, published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

At the press conference which launched it there was a clash between one of the authors, Dr William Oddie, of St Cross College, Oxford, and the Rev David Haslam, of the Alliance of Radical Methodists, who was representing the journal *Christian Socialist*.

Lord Harris of High Cross, director general of the institute, interevened twice in their argument, saying: "We don't want a private war". Dr Oddie accused Mr Haslam of "socialist self-righteousness" and "new Victorianism." Mr Haslam suggested that Dr Oddie was indifferent to the plight of the oppressed.

Lord Harris, opening the conference, said that certain views seemed to be automatically excluded when church bodies considered the rights and wrongs of some current issue.

"It is a bit like picketing, intellectual picketing, where you have to summon up your courage to cross the intellectual line, to take on the argument. You are made to feel the great unwashed, the outsider, the excluded, a fringe fanatic."

He deplored a speech in the House of Lords on Monday by the Bishop of London, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, opposing the Government's rate-capping Bill. "The more you ponder it the less you see a connexion", he said, adding that perhaps the bishops should "for their own good" be removed from the Lords altogether.

The director of the institute's social affairs unit, Dr Digby Anderson, who edited the collection in the book, said the churches issued reports on controversial matters, but were not even-handed in dealing with the facts and arguments. They were not professionally well informed on technical, particularly economic, issues.

Last night the Christian Organization for Social Political and Economic change, representing 23 church bodies, said *The Kindness that Kills* was innaccurate, selective and essentially ignorant.

The Kindness that Kills (SPCK, Trinity Church, London, NW1; £3.95)

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Change of mind on women's injection

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The injectable contraceptive Depo-Provera, which prevents pregnancy for three months, is to be licensed for long-term use, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, said yesterday.

The decision is likely to prove as controversial as Mr Clarke's original decision in 1982 to reject the advice of the Committee on Safety of Medicines and refuse a long-term licence.

The contraceptive, which according to its manufacturers, Upjohn, is used by between 10,000 and 15,000 women in Britain at present, will carry warnings to doctors that it should be used as a contraceptive of last resort rather than first choice.

A panel set up to hear an appeal by Upjohn against Mr Clarke's original decision has concluded, however, that Depo-Provera "would be a useful method of contraception for women for whom other contraceptives are contra-indicated, cause side-effects, or are otherwise unsuitable, provided they understand and accept the risks of side-effects and uncertain delay in return to fertility."

Patients given the drug, popularly known as "the jab," will be provided with a leaflet and Upjohn has agreed to launch a long-term study of its safety and side-effects. Although Depo-Provera has been marketed around the world for more than 15 years, the review panel said it "has not been subject to good quality epidemiological research".

Depo-Provera is a highly effective contraceptive, but commonly produces unpleasant side effects, such as heavy and iregular menstrual bleeding, which are not readily reversible.

It is controversial in part because some doctors have given it to mentally handicapped or seriously disturbed women who have difficulty giving informed consent.



A hunt follower whipping a saboteur during the Badsworth Hunt: One of the photographs shown to the court.

Saboteurs' 'frenzy' in clashes at hunt

From Our Correspondent
York

Photographs of the confusion that ensued as hunt saboteurs and huntsmen fought over the carcase of a fox were shown to magistrates in Selby, north Yorkshire, yesterday.

Mr Peter Tetlow, for the prosecution, said that 70 to 80 saboteurs clashed with members of the Badsworth Hunt on private land at Beal, near Selby, last December.

He said the saboteurs "were worked up into a frenzy" when the hounds ran a fox to earth and killed it in the quarry area.

"The situation was chaotic. Horses were rearing up, several people were seen kicking the hounds, people were screaming and shouting, and two men were fighting in a field over the body of a fox," Mr Tetlow said.

Wayne Parkinson, a hunt saboteur, aged 19, of Marchon Bank, Sheffield, had denied disorderly conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace during the incident.

Police Constable Eric Ketley, who arrested Parkinson, told the Bench: "People were running around screaming and shouting and girls and grown men were crying. The defendant just flew into a dismounted huntsman and delivered windmil-type blows to his head and body."

Parkinson, who defended himself, produced six photographs taken by another saboteur which the court accepted were of the incident. He said that he had been trying to pull the carcase of the fox away from a hunt member when he was arrested.

Magistrates found the case proved and bound Parkinson over to keep the peace in the sum of £100 for 12 months.

Microwave radio safe, inquiry told

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Microwave radio does not represent any health hazard and claims that it does are nonesense, a public inquiry in Manchester was told yesterday by Mercury, the private telecommunications operator.

Mercury was appealing against Manchester City Council's refusal on health grounds to give it planning permission for microwave radio towers. Mr Konrad Schiemann, QC, representing the company, said the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) and the Health and Safety Executive, had no objection to the microwave links.

Mercury is erecting a telecommunications network to connect most business centres in England. Before the end of next year 1,000 km of fibre optic cable are to be laid along British Rail tracks but disribution in towns and cities would be by microwave radio. Until the cable is laid trunk microwave links are to be erected.

The council's refusal had been based partly on evidence presented through the British Telecome unions committee.

Solicitors to launch conveyancing firm

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A group of solicitors in Liverpool is to launch the first cut-price conveyancing company in a challenge to the expected competition from banks and building socities.

The solicitors, from six firms, have formed a company, Conveyancing Exchange, which is planning to offer conveyancing to clients at cheaper, fixed rates from the beginning of next month.

Mr Tony Ostrin, one of the solicitors involved, said that no approach had been made to the Law Society over whether a waiver of practice rules was required.

"We cannot wait for the Law Society to take decisions", he said yesterday. "This is a lifeline to existence as far as those firms are concerned. We are taking a lead in combating the disappearance of conveyancing from the profession and providing a service to which the consumer is entitled."

Using computer technology, word processers, and standardized forms, the solicitors could offer conveyancing at rates a quarter cheaper than normally charged, Mr Ostrin said.

Clients would be quoted a fixed fee for the work, irrespective of its complexity, the time involved, or whether the property was registered or unregistered, he added.

The move could put the solicitors in breach of the Law Society's practice rules, which prohibit touting for trade or advertising. Mr Ostrin said that the company might well advertize without waiting to see if the Law Society granted a waiver.

Miss Nicola Watkins, for the Law Society, said: "As things stand, they could be in breach of professional practice rules, but these rules are under consideration at present".

The Government is working out details of its proposals to end the solicitors' conveyancing monopoly and let non-solicitor licensed conveyancers and solicitor-employees in banks and building societies do the work.

Bar students fall

A drop for the first time in years in the number of students seeking entry to the Bar is expected to be the chief finding of a working party of the Senate of the four Inns of Court when it reports next month.

The working party, under Lord Justice Griffiths, president of the Senate, was set up because of mounting concern at the Bar over the number of people seeking entry to the one-year vocational course run by the Inns' School of Law, a requirement for all would-be barristers before pupillage.

The increase in admissions, itself a reflection of the huge rise in the number of people wanting to become barristers in recent years, led to a decision last year to restrict the number entering the school.

Shares to be sold on Prestel

By Jeremy Warner

Private investors will be able to buy stocks and shares electronically through British Telecom's Prestel view-data system from the beginning of next month.

Hoare Govett is to be the first stockbroking firm to offer the electronic ordering service and several other leading firms, including de Zoete & Bevan, are expected to be operating a similar system by the end of the year.

Mr Alan Izzard, a director of Hoare Govett Financial Services, said that the new Prestel operation was not comparable with the electronic dealing system which many banks use in currency transactions.

"Payment and settlement of transactions will still be by old-fashioned Royal Mail. Electronic dealing in shares is not possible under present stock exchange rules, but, with the pace of change in the City, it is only a matter of time before that too becomes available", he said.

"All the technology is now in place and there is no reason why, when the Stock Exchange allows, we should not be linked to the banks allowing a transaction to be completed in cash terms at the push of a button."

Hoare Govett aims to offer through Prestel its full range of investment research and share tips.

First frozen embryo birth

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The birth in Australia of the first baby from a frozen embryo, announced yesterday, could be matched in Britain within two years.

A 5lb 13oz girl, Zoë, was born in Melbourne after the embryo had been frozen for eight weeks at −196°C.

Although an important advance, the birth is also likely to provoke a fresh debate on the ethical and legal implications.

The way was open, one critic said yesterday, for a woman to give birth to a child whose father had been dead for years.

Zoë's mother has not been identified by the Queen Victoria Medical Centre, but Dr Carl Wood, head of the medical team, said that she and her husband, married for 12 years, had a seven-year history of infertility.

She was treated under the unit's in-vitro fertilization programme, in which 10 of her eggs were fertilized and three resulting embryos were transplanted into her uterus. She did not become pregnant and six of the seven remaining embryos developed normally and were frozen in liquid nitrogen three days after fertilization, Dr Wood said.

Two months later, in another attempt at pregnancy, three embryos were thawed and transferred to her uterus. One attached itself to the uterus lining.

The pregnancy was complicated in the early weeks by a hormone deficiency. An ovarian cyst and placental complications were diagnosed after 36 weeks' gestation. An emergency caesarian operation was performed on March 28.

Although premature, the child was healthy and began breastfeeding almost immediately.

The hospital said that the freeze-thaw process had important implications for in-vitro fertilized births, reducing the risk of multiple pregnancies and the number of operations required to retrieve eggs.

The Melbourne team has frozen 230 embryos, 40 of which have been thawed. Of those, 23 survived and were transferred.

Professor Ian Craft, an IVF specialist at the Cromwell Hospital, who has delivered 22 "test-tube" babies, said: "It is something we would like to do. I would say it is a likely event in this country within the next two years. This hospital's ethical committee has approved such a programme."

Zoe, who at birth weighed 5lb 13oz.

Sun censured over Bardot picture

Printing a telephoto lens photograph of Brigitte Bardot relaxing topless by her private pool in the South of France was gross intrusion into her privacy, the Press Council said today. People in show business and public life are not fair game for surreptitious photographers, wherever they are and whatever they are doing, it said.

The council upheld a complaint against *The Sun* by Mr George Goulty, of Condor Court, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey.

An article under the photograph said that the "intimate picture told the story of the romance which drove Mlle Bardot to attempt suicide".

Mr Goulty complained that the photograph was probably taken with a long-range telephoto lens and suggested that even public figures deserved their moments of privacy, particularly when sunbathing by their private pool at their own home.

The managing editor, Mr Kenneth Donlan, agreed, but said that the taking of the photograph did not interfere with Mlle Bardot's reflective moments. He said that the use of long-range lenses was widespread, and they could not be "disinvented".

Mlle Bardot's agent in Paris Mme Olga Horstig-Primuz, told Mr Goulty that the photograph had been taken without Mlle Bardot's knowledge. She was absolutely against its publication

The editor, Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, responded that Mlle Bardot had had a lifelong love affair with cameras and the press. She had rarely attempted to hide herself from public view. The photograph portrayed her in a familiar situation.

Mr MacKenzie accepted that Mlle Bardot's approval was not requested, but said they were mindful that here was one of the world's most photographed personalities whose career had benefited greatly from the attention of the press. The photograph showed her relaxed and in good health, and there was nothing distasteful about it, he said.

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Heath attacks Bill as gerrymandering

COMMONS

Maintaining that the Bill cancelling next year's elections to the GLC and the six metropolitan county councils in no way pre-empted Parliament's decision to be made next session on the principle of abolition, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Environment, said in the Commons. The Government remained convinced abolition of this upper tier of authorities would save money. The Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill was simply a paving Bill.

He said, when moving the second reading of the Bill, that a lot of humbug had been talked about the suspension of the elections amounting to a denial of democracy.

He announced that the role of the GLC's Historic Buildings Division would be maintained with the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission taking over and gave details of a collective funding scheme to enable grants to continue to voluntary bodies and ethnic minority groups. There would also be additional central funding for the arts.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said the Bill was cynical, political gerrymandering of 13 million electors. It was a constitutional outrage and a bureaucratic nightmare.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, indicated that the committee stage of the Bill would be taken on the floor of the House.

Mr Jenkin, moving the second reading, said the Bill did no more than pave the way towards the main substantive Bill next session abolish the GLC andthe metropolitan counties. On that occasion, and not today, they would face decisions on the main principle of abolition

This Bill was necessary to make advance provision for a number of matters which, if the House accepted the principle of abolition in the later Bill, must be in place before the main Bill could be expected to become law. This Bill did not pre-empt the main Bill.

The proposal to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan county councils had respectable, all-party parentage. Some of the parents might choose today to disown their offspring, but the birth certificates were there for all to examine.

The Bill next session would propose most of the functions of the GLC and the metropolitan county councils be exercised by the borough and district councils. There was a need for statutory joint boards in the metropolitan counties for police, fire and public transport and one joint board for London's fire service. Much of the detail on the abolition was still to be settled.

The Government will not make the commencement order under this Bill (he said) until the detail is available. That commencement order will not be made unless and until the House has agreed the second reading of the main abolition Bill.

Consultations had left the Government in no doubt that the role of the GLC's Historic Buildings Division should be maintained. The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission had assured him that if the GLC were abolished it would be prepared to take on this division, subject to agreement on finance and other issues.

There had also been consultations about grants to voluntary bodies, including ethnic minority groups. In general it would be for the borough and district councils to consider their needs. But their efforts might need to be supplemented by other measures, especially in London. These were under consideration.

The Government intended to provide a statutory basis for collective funding by all the London boroughs or, in each metropolitan area, by all the districts. This should ensure that bodies serving the interests of a wider area could continue to look for funding on a wider basis.

The scheme would enable individual authorities to put forward proposals for funding particular bodies. If a majority of authorities in an area agreed, the costs would be shared across the whole area.

Our proposals (he added) are not intended to be a guarantee that all grants now paid to voluntary bodies



Jenkin: Main principle next season

will continue. We recognise the concern that exists in this House, and widely shared by people in local government, about some of the grants being made, particularly in London. But we do accept the need to preserve worthwhile voluntary endeavour, for example in the housing field, and to meet the needs of ethnic minorities and of the disabled.

The Minister for Arts, Lord Gowrie, had had many discussions with arts bodies, local authorities and MPs and peers, and the Government had listened carefully to points put to them.

It remained its view that, after abolition, the boroughs and districts should make a significant contribution. Many recognized the value of a lively arts environment but the concentration in the metropolitan areas of arts institutions of a wider significance called for special measures going beyond those announced in the consultative document.

We therefore propose to make additional central funding available (he said). This will be done through the usual channels for performing arts funding – particularly the Arts Council.

They would not pursue the consultative *document proposals* for attaching certain museums and galleries in the metropolitan counties to national institutions. Central funding would be made available to them in other ways.

Similar considerations applied to *sport and recreation. They would* make proposals in consultation with the Sports Council and other organizations for a limited extension of central funding to complement the contribution of boroughs and districts towards some sports *facilities and events of wider than* local interest.

It was proposed that the Sports Council's additional funding should enable it to assume full responsibility for Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

They would ensure that seaside and country homes continued to be available for London's elderly people.

A number of the proposals would involve increased central funding and appropriate adjustments would have *to be made in* local government finance. The expenditure consequence of the decisions would be contained within the Government's *planning proposals.*

It would have been absurd to have allowed elections to take place *in the ordinary way. By then the* House would have given the main abolition Bill a second reading. How could voters sensibly be asked to vote for councillors in those circumstances?

Some of the upper tier councils *had refused even to allow their* officers to have constructive discussions with Whitehall officials, demonstrating that to allow these councils to run would have been a recipe for chaos and confusion.

It seemed clear that the sensible course was to let the successor authorities nominate the members to run the upper tier councils for the last few months of their existence. This was fair and democratic.

There has been a lot of humbug (he said) about this suspension *amounting to a denial of democracy.*

He would set up a staff commission as an advisory committee as quickly as possible after the second reading of the Bill. He did not want it to be too late to *protect the staff's interest. It would* become a statutory body when the Bill became law.

The Government remained convinced that abolition would save money. There were bound to be savings from the elimination of the *unnecessary bureaucracy of the* upper tier.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said there had never been an assault on local government and on local freedom and democracy like that presently being mounted by the Conservative government.

There had never been a Secretary of State who had so contemptuously treated elected councillors of all political parties and the electors themselves.

He moved an Opposition motion that the House decline to give a second reading to the Bill in the absence of Parliament having approved any alternative arrangements for the administration of services currently the responsibility of the metropolitan county councils and the GLC.

Dr Cunningham said the Bill was a device to side-step the ballot box.

Through this Bill (he said) the local government of the capital city of Britain will undergo a change of political control by an Act of Parliament – better described as by an act of absolute political chicanery.

Parliament was being asked to agree to abolish elections and agree to interim powers of nomination by boroughs and districts. These powers would allow Mr Jenkin to bring about change in political control in council chambers.

There was no precedent in this or any other democracy for such a measure. It was much more reminiscent of General Pinochet or General Jaruzelski than any elected British Government.

What we can see nakedly exposed (he said) is not just an attack on local government, it is political *attack on Labour local councils.*

It would be necessary for the next Labour Government to review the finances, structure and functions of all local authorities if this Bill was passed.

High on our priority will be the *role of the shire counties. We shall* (he said) recreate a partnership with local government to play a vital role in the rebuilding of Britain and we shall proceed on the basis of the widest possible consultation and discussions and we shall recreate the elected authority for the people of London if the GLC is abolished.

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that he and other Conservative MPs would vote against the Bill. It was a bad Bill and was paving the way for a worse Bill. It was bad because it was a negation of democracy. There was no point in talking as though indirectly elected organizations were the same as directly elected ones. It was retrograde in going from directly elected to indirectly elected.

It was a bad Bill because it was unnecessary; because it was unprecedented. It would be administratively bad.

Worst of all is the imposition by parliamentary diktat (he said) of the change of responsible party in London government. There cannot be any justification for that. It laid the Conservative Party open to the charge of the greatest political gerrymandering in the past 150 years of British history.

Most Conservative London councillors wanted an elected body, just as MPs wanted an elected House of Commons.

Government handling was so bad that it had achieved the inconceivable – mobilizing public opinion in London behind Mr Kenneth Livingstone (Labour laughter and cheers).

If the House of Lords rejected the main Bill, the system would have been destroyed, and the one put in its place would have to be wiped out.

UK ready to help with rebuilding hospital

FALKLANDS

The British Government stood ready to help the Falkland Islands Government in the urgent task of building a new hospital as soon as possible, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, said in the Commons.

During questions on a statement he made about the fire at Port Stanley Hospital yesterday morning, **Mr Michael Stern** (Bristol North West, C) drew Mr Raison's attention to a report in *The Times* today that Government agencies had more than a year's warning of the appalling fire risk at the hospital.

Mr Raison said the cause of the fire at the *King Edward* Memorial Hospital started in part of the old wing, a wooden structure built in 1914. The cause had not yet been established.

The Government was providing experts to assist in the inquiry announced *by the Civil* Commissioner, (Sir Rex Hunt) which would report to the Falklands Islands Government on the causes and other aspects of the disaster. A member of HM Inspectorate of Fire Services would fly to the Islands next week.

The timing of the arrival of the civilian firefighting equipment from the town and military equipment from the airport would also be fully investigated.

Since late 1982 there had been *studies of reports which referred* to fire hazards and precautions in the hospital buildings. The extent to which the recommendations in the reports were carried out would be a priority issue for the inquiry.

A hospital architect would travel to the Falklands within a few days.

The Government would provide the Falklands Government with financial and other assistance in building a new hospital.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) said Mr Raison should contact two senior electricians and another man who had pleaded with the authorities to take this seriously. They had told the authorities the Army was overloading the electric wiring system. The tragedy had been foreseen and predicted.

Mr Raison told **Mr Russll Johnston** (*Inverness*, Nairn and Lochaber, L), who said it took two hours for the RAF firefighting team to get to Port Stanley, that his (Mr Raison's) information was that this was not so.

Massive rise in drug abuse in Scotland

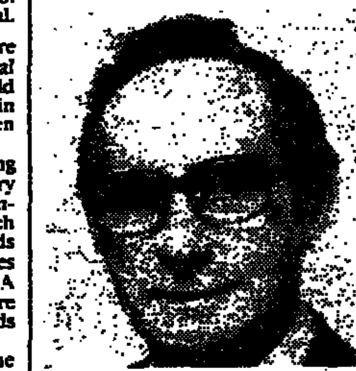
DRUG ABUSE

Mr John MacKay, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, condemned those who had stylishly advocated *the taking of drugs as being the* intellectually clever thing to do.

He said, during question time in the Commons, that the numbers formally notified to the Home Office as being addicted to narcotic drugs in Scotland had increased by *575 per cent from 85 in 1978* to 574 in 1983.

Research has suggested that the actual numbers might be about five times the number of formal notifications.

Mr **David Marshall** (Glasgow, Shettleston, Lab): Will the Government take positive action by restoring many of the 1,000



Miller: Drug taking is not inevitable

redundant customs officers to their posts and introducing harsher penalties on the evil men who trade in drugs, such as confiscating their assets?

Mr MacKay: I hope the police will be able to catch more of the evil men who deal in this trade and that the courts will deal with them severely.

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C): Recently the chief constable of Strathclyde said that Glasgow was the second centre of heroin in the UK. Will he engage in urgent discussions with ministerial colleagues with a view to looking at ways of reducing supplies of heroin?

Mr MacKay: The special investigations branch of the Customs and *Excise who are directly concerned* with this has been increased in the last few years.

Some £500,000 has been given to 13 projects, mostly in the Strathclyde and Lothian area, in order to help people who are addicted to drugs. It was *(he said later)* a three year programme for £1.5m.

Dr **Maurice Miller** *(East Kilbride,* Lab): Is Mr MacKay satisfied with the extent of investigation into this apart from the chicken feed he is giving to those who are already hooked on the drug? Drug taking is not inevitable.

*The Government has a responsi*bility to find out why. There is ample evidence in other countries.

Mr MacKay: We in Scotland, the UK and other countries are all looking at the problem of what causes addiction.

Over the last decade or two some people have suggested being on soft drugs is a "clever Dick" thing to do. One thing leads to another. We should be against the whole drug scene.

Mr Robert Maclennan (Caithness and Sutherland, *SDP*): It is easy, as the minister has done, to condemn drug taking, but he has not condemned the increased availability of these hard drugs.

What steps is the Government taking in particular to increase the resouces of the police to stop this traffic?

Mr MacKay: *Perhaps* if he would speak to his pals in the Alliance about the motion at their conference on liberlizating some of these drugs we would get somewhere if this kind of nonsense did no come up in public.

The Government is giving full support to the police in Scotland who have set up drug squads to try to root out this problem.

Bill to give anglers more say on sport

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) was given leave to bring in a Bill to set up a Scottish anglers' trust to administer freshwater fishing rights in Scotland. Voting was 122 to 93 – majority in favour, 29.

He said angling was the most popular sport in Scotland. The Scottish Sports Council reckoned that over 500,000 people participated in it.

Most responsible anglers wanted to see democratic control of their own sport. His Scottish anglers' trust would determine prices, fines, places of access and permitted tackle.

It is time (he said) that Scotland's most popular sport was run by those who actually take part in it, instead, of having often a situation whereby working class people have to go almost crawling on their knees to the local laird in order to get permission to fish.

Often landowners impose feudal *restrictions*.

The Bill was read a first time.

Howe reports lack of progress

EEC BUDGET

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, reporting to the Commons on the failure of the *meeting of EEC foreign ministers in* Luxembourg earlier this week to resolve the budgetary problem, said that further work on the control of expenditure on which there was provisional agreement – had been remitted to a meeting of EEC finance ministers.

On budgetary imbalances (he said), I made clear our determination to work for a satisfactory agreement. There was, however, no substantive discussion and no agreement was reached on this occasion. Until agreement is reached on an equitable solution, there can be no question of agreement on our part to any increase in the own resources ceiling.

The President of the Commission made a statement on the financial situation in the Community in which he said that expenditure in the current financial year was expected to exceed the budget provision by about 2,500m ecu.

In company with other member states and the Commission, we strongly urged Ireland to withdraw its objection to the conclusion of a further five-year agreement on imports of New Zealand butter to the Community.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on European and Community affairs, *said there* had been three such statements in five weeks and there was a certain weary familiarity about them. There had *been two council meetings since* the Brussels summit but no progress had been made on British demands.

Sir Geoffrey Howe has admitted (he added) that the Community has failed to achieve control of expenditure.

Why did Mrs Thatcher refuse on Monday to see President Mitterrand? Was it because she was getting ready for her interview with Sir Robin Day?

Did Sir Geoffrey Howe find it helpful to hear Mrs Thatcher on television describe the other nine prime ministers of Europe as tiresome?

The most remarkable part of the statement was the total omission to mention the 1983 refunds.

Sir Geoffrey Howe did promise that if they were not paid by March 31 he would safeguard the British position. In view of this, what now is he going to do to safeguard the British position?

One of the reasons for his weakness in these negotiations is that having huffed and puffed about withholding before March 31, he was seen to back down as soon as his bluff was called? Why does he not now bring forward a measure to withhold from the 1984 contributions the 1983 rebates?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We are continuing these negotiations, despite the quality and style of Mr Cook's running commentary, with a view to concluding an agreement on the remaining issues. It is for that reason that our attitude towards withholding has been as I described it.

These negotiations have been going through a series of stages and one cannot expect progress on every stage. The UK has made clear and continues to make clear its willingness to work to bridge the remaining gap and on terms we can commend to this House.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) asked whether it had been made clear that they could not expect to make progress on the Spanish application to join the EEC while that country maintained a blockade of Gibraltar.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: It has been made clear that restrictions on movement between Spain and Gibraltar are incompatible with the obligations Spain will assume as a member of the Community. Accession means the elimination of all obstacles to trade between Spain and Gibraltar except as permitted by the exceptions and derogations of Community law.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, L): He made clear in the negotiations that he *wants to bridge the gap and find fair* terms. Does he defend what the Prime Minister said on television: "I go for agreement, agreement with the things I want to do: consensus behind by convictions." If that is the basis of negotiations and *everybody takes up that* position however does he expect a settlement to be achieved?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The sentence he quotes was in a much wider and different context. In these negotiations we have been working throughout and will continue to work to bridge the gap and to reach a conclusion we can recommend as a settlement for the Community as a whole.

Supermarket criticized

Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, said he would look into a case involving a complaint against Safeway supermarkets raised at Commons question time by Mr Harry Ewing (Falkird East, Lab), but he abbed that it did not sound like a case of criminal deception.

Mr Ewing asked: Is he aware of the practice used by Safeway on Saturdays when they charge customers £1 to park their cars in their car park and then force the customer to spend that £1 when they are in doing their shopping?

I had a constituent complain to me that the purchases he made only came to 60p and he was turned away from the check-out and told to purchase at least another 40p worth to bring it up to the £1 parking fee he had paid to Safeway. Is this legal?

Mr Fraser: This is the first I have have heard of it. From what he has said it does not seem to me to amount to a matter of criminal deception, but if he wishes to give me further detail I will certainly look into it to see whether there is any action that requires to be taken.

Labour protests at curb on debate

FINANCE BILL

The Finance (No 2) Bill was read a second time in the Commons early today (Wednesday) by 218 votes to 121 – Government majority, 97, after noisy Labour protests when **Mr John Wakeham**, the Government chief whip, moved a closure motion on the debate at 2am.

There was a series of points of order during the ensuing division with criticism that the closure was unconstitutional. The motion was carried by 220 votes to 108 – *Government majority, 112.* The House eventually adjourned at 3.42am.

Ten clauses and four schedules of the Bill will be taken on the floor of the Commons headed by the provisions for extending VAT to takeaway food and building alterations.

Labour MPs renewed their protests about the use of the closure in further points of order after question time to the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill.

Mr DaviD Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab) said MPs were denied the right to make their speeches.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) complained that a constitutional outrage had been perpetuated. The *last time the closure was used*, he said, was on May 25, 1925 by Mr Winston Churchill, the then Chancellor and it was opposed by Captain Wedgwood Benn. (Conservative shouts of "Where is he?") Three days later there was a censure debate on the decision of the Chair to accept the closure.

Mr Robert Hayward (Kingswood, C) said complaints about MPs being unable to speak might have more substance had not Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) spoken for 80 minutes and Mr Austin Mitchell (Great Grimsby, Lab) for 108 minutes.

The Speaker said he had had a full report from Mr Harold Walker, the Deputy Speaker. I am entirely satisfied (he went *on) with the line* that Mr Walker took. I really have nothing to add. He took the only decision open to him.

Management weakness in present arrangements

HEALTH SERVICE

The solution seemed to be the use of management boards with clearly defined responsibilities, certainly as a first step, **Lord Hunter of Newington** (Ind) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the *future management of the National* Health Service. The time was ripe to consider what were the basic requirements for the evolution of a new NHS management system.

Lady Robson of Kiddington (L) said it was essential *if the Griffiths report* was to be implemented that the management board at the Department of Health and Social Security should spend time filling in the gaps in the report. The board should negotiate not only with the doctors *but all the professions within the* health service to get their total commitment in favour of an improved management structure.

The DHSS was reportedly hunting for the superman who was to be chairman of the management board. *Apparently there* was not an enormous number of applicants for the job. It was going to be terribly difficult for whoever took it on.

Unless the management board examined the Griffiths report and recommended the right kind of structure for the authorities to be able to implement the report it was not going to succeed. Many questions remained to be asked.

Lord Mottistone (C) said he gave particular support for the idea of *establishing a management board* with externally recruited chairman and personnel director. The proposals would provide clearly identified leaders with clear responsibilities at each level of management.

One of the main difficulties for the NHS was that the doctors naturally considered themselves the most important people in the system. They might not be any good as managers.

He strongly supported the recommendation in the Griffiths report that doctors received management training both in their initial training and subsequently.

It was saddening to read the BMA's comment on the concept of executive managers. It was the key to the success of this scheme, but the BMA said it had no place in the health service. The BMA was damning the Griffiths proposals with faint praise. Unless that attitude could be changed radically there was no hope for these *imaginative proposals and little* chance of improved services for the patients.

Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said the Government recognized the lack of a clearly *defined management function* was a weakness in present arrangements. Decisions by consensus did not always give the kind of dynamic approach that was needed to ensure the best quality and care was given to patients and value for money obtained.

The Government did not want a restructuring of the system, but to make the existing arrangement work better in practice. This did not mean changing the system, but building on what already existed by establishing the general management functions.

That meant adding something to the NHS that was not there at present. It would ensure that national and local policies and priorities were translated into effective action.

Almost every *successful* enterprise depended for its success on one person taking the decisions *however hard they might be.*

New bishop

The Bishop of Ripon, the Rt Rev David Nigel de Lorentz Young, was introduced to the House of Lords.

Any new deal will have to be acceptable

HONGKONG

It was too early to say how Hongkong opinion would be consulted on the future of the territory, but final agreement on the lease would have to be acceptable to the British Parliament, the Govern*ment of China and the people of* Hongkong, **Lady Young**, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said during question *time* in the House of Lords.

She said the visit by the Secretary of State, Sir Geoffrey Howe, to *Peking* and Hongkong between April 15-18, would include discussions with the Foreign Minister and other Chinese leaders on all aspects of Hongkong's future as well as other bilateral and international issues.

Lord Fanshawe of Richmond (C): There *is* grave concern and anxiety in Hongkong about the future. When the Secretary of State returns will he make a detailed statement on the state of negotiations, including the method and arrangements he intends to take place in order to ascertain the views of the people of Hongkong when a final agreement is reached?

Lady Young: There is a common aim to maintain the stability and prosperity of Hongkong. Arrangements to this *effect* should be acceptable to the British Parliament, the Government of China and the people of Hongkong.

Lord Grimond (L): In a democratic country there must *be some* obligation to devise democratic means of taking opinion of the ordinary people of *Hongkong.*

Lady Young: We shall continue to keep in close touch with the views of *the people of Hongkong*, but it is too early to say exactly how Hongkong opinion will be consulted on any specific arrangements for the future.

By-election aims of a Tory MP's wife

By Robin Young

For someone who has just beaten a field of 303 to be Conservative candidate in the usually safe Conservative constituency of Surrey South West – and trounced a former minister and a sitting Euro MP in the first ballot at the final selection – Mrs Virginia *Bottomley is pleasingly modest.*

The wife of Mr Peter Bottomley, Conservative MP for Eltham, whom she met at her first dance, she is at 36 a veteran of five parliamentary *election campaigns*, four on her husband's behalf, and one on her own.

Observers of her husband's campaigns reckoned that she was always worth 1,000 votes *to him. He was first elected* at a by-election in Woolwich in 1975.

In June, 1983, in the Isle of Wight, she polled 34,904, more than all but six who won seats *and 15,000 more than her* husband. She failed narrowly however to dislodge the Liberal, Mr Stephen Ross. If she polls as well in Surrey South West she would be left with a majority of about 20,000.

The by-election to be held on May 3, is due to the death of Lord Macmillan who had a



Mrs Virginia Bottomley yesterday at Farnham

majority of 14,351 at the general election.

Despite an avowed love of political campaigning, she hesitates when saying, predictably enough, that her admiration and respect for Mrs Margaret Thatcher is "an additional feature that makes me determined to get into *Parliament. Determined", she* says, correcting herself, "sounds a bit strong". Her purpose in politics, she says, is "public service, helping to make the world a better place to live in".

Indeed, her political apprenticeship has included a formidable array of good causes, inluding the International Union of Family Organizations, the Child Poverty Action Group, the Church of England Children's Society, and the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign.

Now she is vice-chairman of both the National Council of Careers and their Elderly Dependents (her first job, she says, will be to start a local branch in the constituency) and, fittingly in a seat which is the home of the British Army, of Women and Families for Defence.

She has also served on the Conservative Women's National Committee and for three years chaired Contact, a political group for younger women.

When her husband was first elected she said that she did *not think she could go into* politics. "I tend to get too involved with the specifics."

It is still the specifics that she enjoys most: "Taking up particular issues for individuals, helping small firms get the right loans, or someone who has a new product to get an interview with the *minister*, helping people put their case properly, and perhaps helping *settle some grievance. That is* what our democratic system is all about".

She is, she says, on familiar territory. Her parents lived at the urban end of the county, so she knows about the environment pressure on the local beauty spots.

She used to say that she enjoyed campaingning because it was the only time she got to be with her husband. Now she looks forward to lunching with him regularly at the House of Commons, and it will be surprising if Surrey South *West produces anything to* spoil their political appetites.

General election: M Macmillan (C) 31,067; G Scott (L/All) 14,716; S & D Williams (Lab) 4,229. C maj: 14,351.

Shift to the spoken word in 'cultural revolution'

From Philip Howard, Cardiff

In a characteristically provocative speech to the Classical Association last night, Professor Raymond Williams, the association's president, cut the throats of some ancient holy cows of classical *literacy.*

In *particular* he argues that our culture is going through a revolutionary shift from the written to the spoken word. Classicists think that they are offering the great works of the *ages in print.*

Others say, often with justice, that those are too bound up with distance and privilege, with authority and eletism, to be taken, or even offered, innocently.

Professor Williams presented impeccable classical oral witnesses for his alternative voices. When the Roman army under Suetonius attacks the Britons crowded into their last stronghold of Anglesey, Tacitus intends the contrast to be between civilization and barbarism, on the one hand the disciplined Romans and on the other the shrieking Druids.

In local fact, one can make the reverse case exactly. The imperialist barbarians were stamping out a distinctive native culture, with its own *highly organized order* of scholars, philosophers, poets and priests. The crucial difference was that the winners could write and keep the records.

Even so, with a historian as great as Tacitus, the oral tradition of the losing voices survives. It may do so in the great speech of Calgacus, the British chief, denouncing imperialism before the last battle at Mons Graupius: "They butcher, and *rape, and rob,* and call it imperialism; and after they have made a wilderness they call it peace".

Professor Williams said that those of us who were formed by the *written* word and silent reading of print are having difficulty in adapting to the oral revolution.

But mass culture need not be vulgar and demotic. It should be a liberation. The language belongs to all of us.

For close argument, there are still few substitutes for the printed word. But for direct exchange of information and argument, the new forms have advantages. The mother tongue is again the common entry for all to hear, if not yet for all to speak.

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Left and right head for showdown in Civil Service union elections

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The largest Civil Service union is about to start its annual bout of political bloodletting with this year's elections to the union's ruling body promising to be the most bitter and controversial for many years.

Voting in the 200,000-strong Civil and Public Services Association starts next week and the candidates' election addresses being distributed to almost a thousand branches highlight the deep political divide in the union and also the strong challenge being mounted by the left.

Among the candidates are six supporters of the Militant Tendency, at least three members of the Communist Party and candidates from other far left groupings. Union observers believe that the left will this year make significant inroads into the rights' 23-5 majority on the executive and some predict that the left is capable of gaining control. The right is organizing a big campaign to retain its majority and left wingers are complaining of "dirty tricks" by the right, including a decision to release to the press this week conference documents which are normally made available only a few days before next month's annual conference.

More than a quarter of the conference motions call either for votes of censure on the executive and Mr Alistair Graham, the general secretary, or are critical of the leadership.

Left wingers argue that the leadership's decision to discuss with the press conference agenda before many members had seen it represented an attempt to divert attention away from the criticism. The leadership has denied any intention to influence meetings now taking place to mandate conference delegates.

That row is indicative of the deep-rooted political hostility which is made clear in the election addresses. Mrs Kate Losinska, the veteran opponent of the left, says in her address that she holds "a fundamental objection to extremism – I oppose political groups using the union for political purposes".

Mr Graham: Facing censure motions.

She says that she is a founder member of the union's moderate group called Daylight "which is non political and exists to fight for policies not politics".

Her opponent for the presidency is Mr Kevin Roddy, a supporter of the Militant Tendency and a clerical officer in the child benefits office at Washington, Co Durham. His address says: "I proudly describe myself as a 'Militant supporter'. Militants and socialists are the best fighters for ordinary members.

"The moderate approach for the past year has been both tragedy and farce. The most galling experience of my 18 years in CPSA was their failure to organize an adequate defence of GCHQ Cheltenham members," it says.

The Militant contenders for the executive have openly declared their allegiance and most are members of the Broad Left, a union coalition group.

That conference is dominated by the left and moderates claim that delegates are mandated by small unrepresentative branch meetings.

Crawford wins libel damages

Michael Crawford, the actor, won substantial libel damages in the High Court in London yesterday over offensive allegations about his private and professional life in *Woman's World* in November, 1981.

His counsel, Mr Charles Gray, told Mr Justice Croom-Johnson that the article suggested it was based on an interview.

No such interview took place and the writer, Ingrid Millar, never met Mr Crawford. The article was based on reported statements by Mr Crawford, aged 44, and his former wife Gabrielle, taken from other magazines and newspapers.

Many statements were incorrect or quoted out of context.

The writer, and IPC Magazines recognized that the aspersions cast were unjustifiable.

Shinwell fine after tests

Lord Shinwell, who will be 100 years old in October, was "fine and resting" in the Royal Free Hospital in London yesterday. He was admitted on Sunday for tests.

He spent eight days in the hospital in January for tests in the coronary care unit.

Diane Jones inquest date

An inquest on Diane Jones, the murdered doctor's wife, will take place next Thursday, the Ipswich Coroner, Mr Nowell Watkins, said yesterday.

Afterwards, Mr Watkins is likely to authorize the release of Mrs Jones's body for burial in her father's home village of Tealby, Lincolnshire.

Sprinkler charge

The Welsh Water Authority intends to install meters in the homes of customers owning Jacuzzis, double baths, or sprinklers for watering lawns.

Museum plan

A Museum of World Railways could be set up by 1987 in disused warehouses at Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. The plan is being looked at by a team of consultants.

Goose guard

Twelve guards are to be employed to protect Carew Manor in Beddington, Surrey, from vandalism at a cost of 25p a week. They are geese selected for their "greater than average" reaction to strangers.



Holed up: Crew of the frigate Plymouth examine the damage in Karlskrona.

British frigate collides with German warship in Baltic

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The British frigate Plymouth collided with the West German frigate Braunschweig in thick fog during Nato exercises in the southern Baltic yesterday. No one was hurt.

However, the Plymouth was so badly holed that it was forced to put into the southern Swedish port of Karlskrona, where a scaled-down hunt still continues for an alien submarine suspected of violating Swedish waters earlier this year.

Because of the hunt and Swedish neutrality, the Plymouth's request to be allowed into Karlskrona was granted only after discussions between the Swedish Navy and the Defence Ministry in Stockholm.

The British frigate, which was in no danger of sinking, was finally escorted into harbour with a 3ft gash in its bow.

A spokesman for the naval dockyard at Karlskrona said temporary repairs would be done to make the Plymouth fully sea-worthy but that it was unlikely that it would be able to continue with the Nato manoeuvres.

The Braunschweig was not as seriously damaged and was last night heading for the Kiel.

After an underwater survey at Karlskrona, the Plymouth was heading today for Rosyth.

The Plymouth was attacked by six Argentine Mirage aircraft in San Carlos Bay during the Falklands conflict in June 1982.

Earlier the Plymouth had been the first Task Force ship to fire in anger.

50 killed as Nagas fight troops in Burma

Delhi (NYT) – At least 50 people have died in recent clashes in northern Burma involving Naga guerrillas fighting for independence from India, the Burmese Army and villagers, according to reports received here.

In one incident said to have occurred at the end of March, the guerrillas attacked a village and killed 25 people. They were also said to have killed five Burmese soldiers who tried to repel the assault.

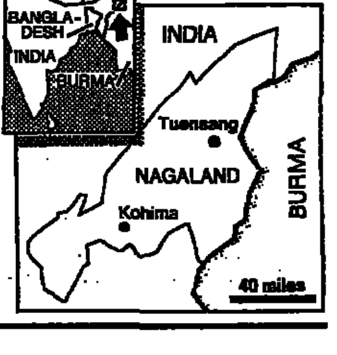
The guerrillas are members of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, which is based in Burma and seeks independence for Nagas living in Nagaland and Manipur in north east India.

The Council, the most active of the insurgent groups, is said to have the largest rebel army in Burma estimated at more than 2,000. Nagas have lived for centuries in Burma as well as in India.

The reports are based on information reaching Indian Army officials in Nagaland. At least 10 rebels were also reported killed in the gun battle. The officials said the Nagas attacked to avenge the killing on September 16 of Council men by residents of the village of Tsaplaw.

The Council and a rival Naga faction, the Federal Government of Nagaland, are the main groups leading a 30-year-old fight for independence. In the 1970s the Indian Army drove the insurgents out of Nagaland into the mountains of northern Burma from where they conduct occasional raids on Indian targets.

At least 10 people were killed in a second clash between Burmese troops and Naga insurgents last month in northern Burma at the village of Takland, according to the reports. Officials said the gun battles took place in an area just across the border from the Indian district of Tuensang in Nagaland.



Security guard aided robbery

A security guard lived with his family in a depressing tower block and seemed to have no escape, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

But he met a woman who persuaded him to take part in a robbery on his own company, Mr Lional Lassman, for the defence, said.

Derrick Clark, aged 36, of East Crescent, Canvey Island, Essex, gave information to an armed gang and handed over £142,000 when they robbed his security van with his permission. He received £20,000 and bought himself a house. When he was arrested he agreed to give evidence against the rest of the gang. Clark was jailed for five years after he pleaded guilty to conspiring to rob Security Express in March, 1982.

Company fined £500 for aerosol weapon

A company managing director decided to develop a defensive aerosol spray at the time of the Yorkshire Ripper's attacks, Chichester Crown Court was told yesterday.

But Trends Security Alarm Systems from Brighton, West Sussex, was charged under the Firearms Act with selling a prohibited weapon, a "repulse personal defence aid", without authority.

Mr James Badenoch, for the defence, said that Mr Keith Forshaw, aged 40, had "wanted to make an attacker stink and dye his clothes, so he adopted nature's way by using the weapons of the skunk and the squid".

The six-inch-long canisters contained red dye and liquids that smelt of rotten eggs.

But Mr Richard Camden Pratt, for the prosecution, said that the substances might cause haemophiliac anaemia or dermititis, eye damage, and irritation to the eyes, nose, and throat.

Mr Badenoch said before the spray was manufactured it had been sent to the police for analysis, but no adverse report had been made.

Mr Badenoch said that each spray contained 280 micrograms of chemical, but the firm had pleaded guilty on legal advice.

Mr Justice Woolf fined the company, which also makes burglar alarms, £500 and ordered it to pay up to £1,000 prosecution costs.

"It was beholden on the company that the liquid contained in this weapon, and that's what it was, did not contain a noxious substance", he said.

Hart forced to reassess prospects after latest heavy win by Mondale

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Mr Walter Mondale is back on the high ground, Senator Gary Hart is fighting for survival and the Rev Jesse Jackson continues to dominate his own, important corner of the electorate.

The Pennsylvania poll has ended the first phase of the primary and caucus season. There is now a lull before the next important battles in Texas and Ohio next month. They, too, look good for Mr Mondale.

The former Vice-President refuses to accept the label "front runner". The last time he wore it an unknown senator from Colorado took it off him. Since then Senator Hart has been soundly beaten in big states, like Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.

The odds are loaded against Senator Hart going to the Democratic national convention in July with a majority of delegates committed in advance to him. His campaign managers accept that. The purpose of his campaign now is to ensure that Mr Mondale is in the same position. That would leave the final choice to the uncommitted delegates, and possibly also to the basketful of delegates that Mr Jackson is steadily collecting.

The brief break before the Texas battle on May 5 will give Senator Hart time to reassess the situation. He was caught off balance by Mr Mondale in New York, driven to the defensive in an acerbic clash of words. In Pennsylvania, the campaign was almost gentlemanly. Mr Mondale set the tone. Mr Hart responded.

Exit polls in Pennsylvania showed that a majority of voters preferred Mr Mondale's experience over Senator Hart's promise of a new direction. The battle between the two men continues to rest essentially on experience versus new ideas. It



Mr Mondale: On high ground.

may be that having given Senator Hart a long, hard look, voters are turning against him.

The West and the South, where Mr Mondale's union friends are not so influential, look better for Senator Hart than New England and the Mid-West, but he was exaggerating when he declared after losing Pennsylvania: "We're headed to our territory. We are extremely optimistic about the states that lie ahead."

Certainly, though, he will not be fighting the highly organized labour vote that has mobilized so successfully for Mr Mondale in Pennsylvania. The Western states, in particular, offer potentially good support from "Yuppies", the young, upwardly mobile professional people, who up to now have proved to be the backbone of Senator Hart's support.

The South offers good pickings for Mr Jackson, who has already achieved what he set out to do – to capture overwhelming support of blacks and to motivate blacks to vote in higher numbers. His purpose now is to consolidate his claim to be the spokesman of blacks and other minorities and for that reason he will be campaigning heavily among Spanish-speakers in states like Texas and California.

Pennsylvania was the climax of Mr Mondale's sweep of the big industrial states, including Michigan, Illinois and New York. It is the end of six weeks of 30 primaries and caucuses. What is worrying for Senator Hart is that his support among the "Yuppies" waned a little in Pennsylvania. If that trend intensifies in Texas, Colorado, Louisiana, Indiana, Maryland and North Carolina, his campaign could be in danger of fading away as quickly as it emerged.

After the Pennsylvania primary, the race for the Democratic presidential nomination enters a less hectic phase. The next big contest is the Texas caucuses on May 5 which will select 200 delegates to the party's nominating convention in San Francisco in July. However a number of caucuses before then will test whether Senator Gary Hart has the ability to reduce the 2-1 delegate advantage held by his rival.

FORTHCOMING DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

April 14	Arizona	caucus	40 delegates
April 18	Missouri	caucus	86 delegates
April 24	Vermont	caucus	17 delegates
April 25	Utah	caucus	27 delegates
April 28	Guam	caucus	7 delegates
May 1	Tennessee	primary	76 delegates
	D.C.	primary	19 delegates
May 5	Louisiana	primary	69 delegates
	Texas	caucus	200 delegates

Bonn tandem: Chancellor Kohl (standing) with Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Foreign Minister, at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

$150,000 for witness

Los Angeles (Reuter) – A key prosecution witness in the drugs trial of John De Lorean the car maker, has been paid $150,000 (£107,000) by Government officials, a prosecutor said yesterday. The witness is a Government informant, Mr James Hoffman, whom the prosecution alleges discussed drug deals with Mr De Lorean.

Mr Robert Perry, an assistant US Attorney, prosecuting, told prospective jurors yesterday that Mr Hoffman was paid $100,000 for living expenses and $50,000 for investigation expenses for his work on the De Lorean and other cases.

The misunderstood Chancellor

Confident Kohl looks ahead

By Richard Davy

Herr Kohl, the West German Chancellor, feels misunderstood in Britain, according to senior sources in Bonn. He sees himself as Britain's "official defender" in the dispute over Britain's contribution to the European Community.

The suggestions he made during the final flurry of negotiations at the recent Brussels summmit were intended to be helpful, although not reported as such in the British press. He describes his relations with Mrs Thatcher as very friendly. He argues that five out of the six main points have been settled, which is more than was achieved by his predecessors.

But he also feels, of course, that his own position has to be appreciated. He was elected on (or maybe in spite of) promises to cut public spending. With cuts being made in social services and public salaries he cannot face his electorate with an agreement on the Community budget which seems to place an unfair burden on West Germany.

Already, he feels, he has made a considerable concession in agreeing to pay a higher percentage of the bill than under earlier proposals. He does this in the conviction that the Europeean Community is absolutely essential for West Germany's security and prosperity. If fact, he is already preparing election slogans to the effect that every Deutsche Mark paid into the Community is a down payment on a secure and democratic future.

To make this message convincing, however, the Community will have to do better. Among the many absurdities he has to explain to idealistic youth is how surplus food can be destroyed in Europe while millions of children starve to death in the Third World. He is also impatient with frontier formalities, and feels that the European parliament should be stronger.

Over the longer term it is the political future of the Community that worries him. He is promising new proposals – a new agenda – by next winter. He does not want the details to become an issue in the European election, and anyway there is no sign that they are worked out yet.

He thinks it is vital for West Europe to speak with a common voice on foreign affairs, particularly in order to steady the fluctuations in American policy and balance the westward tilt of American interests. He assumes that Mr Reagan will be re-elected but who will follow him? He is also worried that if Mr Reagan's "Star Wars" programme for space defence gets far enough to commit a successor it could stimulate congressional pressure for military withdrawal from West Europe by making America feel secure.

Hence Europe must become a strong pillar of the alliance, not to substitute for America but to bind the United States more firmly to Europe and make Europe's voice heard in Washington.

Herr Kohl is in a fairly confident mood, happy with his electoral success and disdainful of the carping of smart intellectuals. He has good relations with M Mitterrand, whom he regards as a reliable defence partner with no illusions about the Soviet Union. He thinks that time is on the West's side, so that if the alliance keeps its nerve, avoids sabre-rattling and loud rhetoric and deals calmly with the Soviet Union the tide will run in its favour.

The West German economy is growing faster than predicted (about three per cent instead of 2.5) and with luck unemployment will soon come down to below two million.

He reproaches the Social Democrats for having neglected technological progress but feels that with determination, hard work, and less preoccupation with holidays, West Germany need not fear the Japanese, though he worries about the pessimism of the younger generation – nice people with many good qualities but lacking a sense of history and current reality.

Israel-US strategic cooperation raised

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Details have emerged of a further strengthening in the strategic cooperation between Israel and the US which took place last month when Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Defence Minister, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, privately agreed to a five-year renewal of the memorandum of understanding originally signed after the Camp David peace treaty.

According to Israeli sources, who have been reluctant to discuss the renewal pact in any detail, the agreement provides for expanding cooperation between the two defence establishments in research and development.

It also improves the terms for the sale of Israeli arms to the US armed forces, permitting Israeli firms to compete on an equal footing with their American counterparts.

In diplomatic circles it is believed that no publicity was given to the pact when it took place in Washington on March 19 because of the Reagan Administration's unwillingness further to upset Arab moderates such as King Husain of Jordon by revealing the extent to which its defence ties with Israel were being enhanced.

Israeli defence officials appeared embarrassed that news of the renewed agreement negotiated for Israel by Mr Avraham Ben-Yosef, head of its military mission in the US, had suddenly leaked out.

Asked why it had not been announced at the time, one said that "it was not considered important" because it was merely the renewal of an existing agreement. His explanation was not seen as convincing.

After the story had broken in the Tel Aviv press, Israeli officials expressed the hope that the revised extension agreement and the enhanced overall strategic relationship with the US would combine to provide Israel with a real breakthrough in the American weapons market.

In recent years, Israel has met with only limited success in its efforts to expand military exports to the Pentagon.

According to Israeli sources, one important improvement in the modified agreement – whose predecessor was signed in 1979 – makes it clear that US officials will no longer be able to veto arms deals with Israel for political purposes after the bidding process has been completed.

In addition to the renewal of the pact on military exports, government sources in both Jerusalem and Washington have confirmed that related discussions on improving overall strategic cooperation between the two countries are progressing well.

These include such controversial topics as the possible pre-positioning of US military equipment in Israel and the staging of joint Israeli-American air and naval manoeuvres.

West Bank to get new settlements

Jerusalem – The Likud Government's ministerial settlement committee has approved the construction of four new Jewish outposts in the occupied West Bank (Christopher Walker writes).

The Treasury's reluctance to release funds for the settlements was apparently overcome after lobbying of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, by Mr Matti Drobles, of the World Zionist Organization, who has a plan to increase the number of Jews living in the West Bank to 100,000 by 1987.

Jaffna curfew reimposed

Colombo (Reuter) – An 18-hour curfew was reimposed on Sri Lanka's northern city of Jaffna as separatist guerrillas continued attacks on security forces.

The National Security Minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, said the guerrillas had not observed the first curfew on Tuesday, and 22 had been shot dead and one soldier wounded in three separate clashes.

Cyprus polls

Nicosia, (AP) – The constituent assembly of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus has decided to hold a referendum on the new constitution on August 19 and parliamentary elections on November 4.

Khmer claim

Bangkok (AP) – The Khmer Rouge claimed to have destroyed the provincial captial of Kompong Speu, 25 miles south-west of the Campbodian capital, Phnom Penh.

Editor held

Santiago (AP)–The editor of the opposition magazine Analisis was arrested after publishing a poll saying that most Chileans wanted President Augusto Pinochet to resign. Police seized copies of the magazine from newsstands.

Cyclone toll

Antananarivo, Madagascar (Reuter) – Cyclone Kamisy hit northern Madagascar at the weekend, making thousands homeless cutting water and electricity supplies, state radio reported yesterday.

Strike over

Hongkong (AFP) – Underground railway services returned to normal after 254 drivers striking over new working arrangements were dismissed.

Palme problem

Stockholm – Mr Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister, is expected to receive a vote of censure later this month from Parliament's all-party constitutional committee for his appointment of a friend, Mr Ove Rainer, as a high court judge soon after he was forced to resign as justice minister following a tax evasion scandal.

Talks resume

Frankfurt (Reuter) – West Germany's largest trade union, IG Metall, has revoked a decision to seek an all-out strike and agreed to resume negotiations with employers on its demand for a 35-hour week.

Nepal suspects

Katmandu (AP) – Three men have been arrested in Nepal in connexion with the murder of a British climber, Mark Trigg, last week. He was shot at his camp about 90 miles west of Katmandu.

Euro MPs choked by paper mountain

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

In an end-of-term frenzy, the European Parliament in Strasbourg is hourly setting new records for the number of reports it can study and questions it can ask. It has probably never had such an audience, with hundreds of subsidized visitors crowding the halls, corridors and lobbies.

The second direct election to the European Parliament takes place in mid-June, so after this week there will only be one more session during which the present house can pass its reports and show off in front of its electors.

In consequence, the 61 reports under consideration this week are roughly three times above the average number. The May session is already meant to deal with another 67.

The paper mountain is in danger circulating that there is not enough room in the thousand or so pigeon holes in the press room to accomodate them all and they have to be stacked on tables.

Some 13,000 trees must die every year to keep the EEC in the reports to which it has become accustomed. Between them, the trees make enough paper to make 14 piles as high as Big Ben, or to cover a cricket pitch to a height of 530 ft. The signs are that this week the average figure must go up.

Among the pre-election pamphlets on view is a parliamentary information booklet produced in all the Community languages. Because Ireland does not have an official language of its own, the English version has been issued with a different title for distribution from Dublin. Thus the Irish are told that it is "a time to choose", while the British find that "the choice is yours".

The political groups are also making every effort to spend the £25m which they share out between them. One way is to bring over visitors. This week, there are around 100 journalists invited as guests by the Conservative group. Some Labour MEPs are bringing over dozens of party stalwarts.

The visitors have been treated to debates largely aimed at the world beyond the Community. Yesterday, the Parliament voted to urge the Community to speak with one voice in world affairs, pressed for "partnership among equals" with the United States and considered whether or not serving military personnel should be given the right to form trade unions.

Meanwhile, the European Court in Luxembourg has refused to allow Parliament the right to move staff away from the grand duchy itself.

Tribunal sworn in to try Nigerian detainees

Lagos (AFP) – Members of the 25-man tribunal set up by Nigeria's military government to try political detainees of the ousted civilian regime were sworn in yesterday by Mr Sodeinde Sowemimo, the Federal Chief Justice, an indication that the trials could begin soon.

The tribunal will deal in particular with cases of "economic sabotage, corruption and unjust enrichment" by the former politicians and their associates.

There are about 475 detainees across the country, most of them officials of the deposed government and some businessmen. The tribunal, made up of 20 armed forces personnel and five serving or retired judges, has been sub-divided into five panels, each chaired by a colonel or higher-ranking military officer.

The country has also been divided into five zones with headquarters at Enugu in the East, Jos in the centre, Kaduna in the North, Ibadan in the West and Lagos, the capital.

Peking says it wants to teach Hanoi a lesson for Thailand incursions

From David Bonavia, Hongkong

Recent fighting on Vietnam's borders with China and Thailand seems to reflect political tensions as much as military strategies. China has remained silent on Hanoi's claim that a regiment-sized Chinese force with artillery and tanks crossed into Vietnam last week near Pingxiang, a normally sleepy frontier town on the former Hanoi-Nanning railway.

However, Peking claims to have killed a handful of Vietnamese soldiers who were reported to have crossed into Chinese territory about the same time.

Claim and counter-claim are the usual order of things in the military and propaganda war between the two erstwhile allies, who used to say their relationship was like that of "lips and teeth."

Now, however, China has been more specific about the political conflicts behind its military clashes with Vietnam, the biggest of which was in 1979, resulting in some 50,000 casualties on both sides.

A Chinese spokesman said last week that China was inclined to teach Vietnam a "lesson" on their common border because of the incursions of Vietnamese troops into Thailand, with which Peking has friendly relations.

The Vietnamese Army has become increasingly aggressive in its retaliation against Cambodian guerrillas (mainly those of the Khmer Rouge movement) who have been using Thailand as a base to mount sabotage and harassment actions in their homeland now occupied by Vietnam.

Last month, Thai regular Army units attacked a Vietnamese force, which included tanks, while it was attempting to surround and wipe out a Khmer Rouge base area on Thai territory. The Thais do not specifically support the Khmer Rouge and their more moderate but smaller allied groups, including one loyal to the deposed Prince Norodom Sihanouk, in their "liberation war" against Vietnamese occupation forces. However, the Thais react strongly if Vietnamese units cross into Thailand.

Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, recently visited Australia, Thailand and Indonesia in an attempt to rally support for his country's policy in Cambodia where it is generally agreed the Khmer Rouge had behaved with vicious cruelty during the period of their ascendancy until the Vietnamese invasion of 1978.

However, the six member countries of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (Asean), are highly sensitive to Vietnamese expansionism: Hanoi already effectively controls the governments of both Laos and Cambodia.

Most of them view Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia as a *sine qua non* of a regional peace settlement and regularization of relations.

Australia has recently aroused resentment in Asean countries by suggestion that Hanoi may be more flexible on this count than is normally believed and by trying to take the Vietnamese leadership's point of view into account.

Tidying up: Two men mix cement to repair their shop in Beirut, one of scores of buildings damaged by Tuesday night's shelling which killed four people. The only east-west crossing was closed for two hours yesterday.

Greeks step up campaign to recover Marbles

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greek officials, apparently undismayed by the British Government's rejection of Greece's request for the return of the Elgin Marbles from the British Musuem, will now seek assistance from a Unesco committee for restoring cultural property.

The Culture Minister, Miss Melina Mercouri, who rechristened the classical sculptures the Parthenon Marbles, is expected to step up her campaign to influence international public opinion in favour of the Greek case.

Mr Michael Kotouzis, a close adviser to Miss Mercouri, described the British decision as "weak-minded but exactly what was expected".

He said the ruling opened the way for Greece to "apply pressure through international forums where we already have considerable support".

The 20-member Unesco committee for promoting the return of cultural property to its country of origin, or its restitution in case of illicit appropriation, is due to hold its next meeting at the ancient sanctuary of Delphi later this year.

A legal adviser to the Culture Ministry said Greece may eventually have recourse to international courts on the grounds that Lord Elgin's deal with the Ottoman occupiers of Greece was not legal.

In support of the Greek campaign to get back the Marbles, pamphlets in several languages are now being distributed to tourists

Amir talks Gulf peace at No10

By Henry Stanhope.

Prospects for ending the Gulf War between Iran and Iraq were the focus of discussion between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Amir of Bahrain at Downing Street yesterday.

The Middle East in general and bilateral relations were also included in talks which sources later described as "very friendly and productive".

Foreign ministers and ambassadors from both countries were at No. 10 to meet the Amir who was on the second day of a state visit to Britain.

The Amir visited the Madame Tussaud's exhibition at Windsor and Eton Central railway station yesterday and later attended a reception at St James's Palace and a banquet at Guildhall.

Bahrain and Oman have been promised £700m between them from the other Gulf states to help bolster their defences during the Iran-Iraq war. Britain is hoping that orders for armour and aircraft might come to this country.

The Amir will visit racing stables at Newbury today and will host a dinner at the Dorchester tonight before leaving Windsor Castle at the end of his official visit on Friday.

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Top propagandist in China resigns

From Our Own Correspondent, Hongkong

The resignation of Mr Deng Liqun, China's top propagandist, came after he had attempted to subvert the position of Mr Hu Yaobang, the secretary general of the Chinese Communist Party, according to a report here.

The Chinese-Language political journal Zheng Ming, which has a good record in analysis of Chinese affairs, said Mr Deng had covertly attacked Mr Hu for his political stance, especially through the mounting of the campaign to combat "spiritual pollution" (Western cultural influence and "decadent" hores).

This led Mr Deng into disagreements with Mr Deng Xiaoping, the elder statesman and most prominent figure in the present leadership, as Mr Hu is considered his protege.

The top-level conflict over basic questions of political line has also involved Mr Hu Qiaomu, a well-known social scientist and chief theorist of the Deng Xiaoping leadership group. Mr Hu was criticised by Mr Deng Liqun for espousing the theory of "alienation" under socialism – that is, the idea that ordinary people could become hostile to the Communist Party through disillusionment or bad living conditions.

The conflict over "spiritual pollution" and "alienation" masks an increasingly sharp contradiction between Maoist zealots and liberalizing influences in the leadership.

Mr Deng Xiaoping, Mr Hu Minister, have spearheaded a drive to make Chinese socialism more rational, productive and humane. This has irritated Maoist-conservative circles, especially in the armed forces.

Mr Deng Xiaoping recently affirmed his confidence in Mr Zhao and Mr Hu – his two top lieutenants and probable successors – by having it recorded that he said in their company: "It takes clever people to run a country. Stupid people cannot do it". Left wing supporters of the late Chairman Mao Tsetung are among those whom Mr Deng Considers "stupid" and whom he wishes to purge from the Communist Party, despite extensive passive resistance to such a move.

Nakasone's man

Tokyo (Reuter) – The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, who is president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, has appointed as his Vice-President Mr Susumu Nikaido, a close associate of the former Premier, Mr Kakuei Tanaka.

Insurgents fire on train near Maputo

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Mozambique rebels opened fire on a passenger train 45 miles north of Maputo, the capital, last Monday, killing one person and wounding 31 others, the official Mozambique news agency, AIM, has reported.

Fourteen of the wounded are said to be in a serious condition. Seven coaches on the train were hit by shots from a forest alongside the track.

The attack followed sabotage at the end of last week of a power plant and pumping stations which has disrupted water and electricity supplies in Maputo. The sabotage is presumed to be the work of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR).

The upsurge of MNR activity, which has coincided with bomb attacks in South Africa attributed to the African National Congress (ANC), has raised some questions about the efficacy of the non-aggression pact signed by Pretoria and Maputo on March 16.

The central feature of the pact is an undertaking by both sides not to allow their territory to be used as a launching pad for guerrilla attacks on each other.

For the moment, at any rate, both sides are publicly treating the increased guerrilla activity as a last desperate attempt by the ANC and the MNR to show they are still in business before the full effects of the non-aggression pact are felt.

Botha's coup in visit to Bonn

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, is to visit Bonn on June 5 and 6 at the invitation of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, during a European tour. The other countries on his itinerary have not been disclosed.

Apart from a visit of Taiwan, it will be the first time Mr Botha has ventured out of South Africa since becoming prime minister in succession to John Vorster in 1978. Since the National Party came to power in 1948, South African prime ministers have rarely travelled abroad.

News of the tour was leaked to West German newspapers. Apart from confirming the visit to Bonn, officials here declined yesterday to give more details.

According to the subsequent statement in Bonn, Mr Botha's trip to West Germany will include "several other European capitals".

It is believed that Namibia (South West Africa) – a German colony before the First World War and under South African administration since then – will be a major topic of discussion during Mr Botha's Bonn visit. German-speakers are the second biggest group among the 75,000 whites in Namibia's population of just over one million.

West Germany is one of the five nations in the "contact group" which has been trying to mediate in negotiations on an internationally acceptable independence for Namibia.

Diplomatic sources here said they knew of no plans for Mr Botha to visit Britain or France, which, with the United States and Canada, make up the rest of the contact group.

There was speculation that Portugal and Spain might be on the itinerary and that Mr Botha might stop in Zambia and Cape Verde on his way to Europe.

Journalists in Mauritius unite to oppose curb on press freedom

By Our Foreign Staff

The Parliament of Mauritius, the Indian Ocean sugar island and former British colony, yesterday approved a controversial press Bill which the Government's opponents see as a move to muzzle what has hitherto been one of the freest, oldest and most diversified newspaper industries in the third world.

The Bill, in effect an amendment to a press law dating back to 1837, will require all newspapers and periodicals to post a bond of 250,000 rupees (£13,800) before being allowed to publish. An exception will be made only for religious, cultural and literary publications. It is due to come into force on July 1.

The Prime Minister, Mr Anefood Jugnauth, insists that the Government is "open to dialogue" and that "it does not intend to interfere with press freedom". He contends that the aim of the measure is to protect libel victims and unfairly dismissed employees.

The Government says the bond would be held as security against payment of defamation damages of for redundancy. The official argument appears to be that by posting the bond a publication would demonstrate its ability to pay and thus offer some reassurance of financial redress to potential libel victims or dismissed journalists.



Mr de l'Estrac, arrested, former foreign minister.

The Association of Mauritian Journalists is unimpressed by this. In an interview on Tuesday with *The Times*, Mr Lindsay Rivière, editor of *Le Mauricien*, the island's most respected independent newspaper, said journalists were "united in regarding the governmment measure as an attempt to limit press freedom".

Mr Soobash Gobin, editor of *Le Militant*, organ of the main opposition party, the Mouvement Militant Mauricien, described the Bill as "clearly a measure to cripple the press in the current economic climate. Very few papers could afford to pay the bond, which by Mauritian standards is a very large sum of money."

Last week, 43 journalists, newspapers publishers and editors were arrested during a demonstration against the Bill outside Government House. They included a former foreign minister, Mr Jean-Claude de l'Estrac, who is a director of *Le Militant*. They may face charges of breaching public order.

In the wake of the arrests, the government agreed to set up a joint committee with press representatives to examine the implications of the Bill.

Mr Rivière, a member of the committee, said the Government had promised that the Bill would not become law before July 1 and that changes to it would be considered in light of the committee's discussions. The Government also agreed to halve the amount of the proposed bond, which had originally been set at 500,000 rupees.

As it stands, the Bill would, in addition to requiring the lodging of the bond, prohibit "unbecoming" press reports of parliamentry affairs and MPs.

The origins of the Mauritian press go back to the latter half of the eighteenth century, when the island was still under French rule. There are eight dailies, many of them linked to political parties and more than 30 weeklies and periodicals in French, English, Hindi, Urdu and Chinese, serving a population of less than one million.



People's parade: The scene in Rio de Janeiro as voters demand direct elections for the presidency.

A million Brazilians on the march

From Patrick Knight
Sao Paulo

About a million people gathered in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday night for the largest meeting held in Brazil so far calling for the next President to be elected by direct suffrage.

The meeting was addressed by four opposition party governors. Among them Senhor Leonel Brizola the former Governor of Rio de Janeiro, the man most likely to be elected President, should the rules be changed.

Although the opposition has been able to capitalize on public disatisfaction with the present Government, and in particular its economic policies, and mobilize large numbers in protest. It still appears unlikely that the government will bow to pressure and alter its own plans for indirect elections.

The feeling in Brasilia is that the mobolizations are more a demonstration of general disatisfaction, rather than a real desire for direct elections, and that these feelings are being skilfully manipulated by politicians likely to benefit from the change.

The Government is preparing compromise proposals of its own for direct elections to be held the time after next, in 1988 or 1989, which is designed to take the heat out of an opposition proposal, due to be voted on in Congress on April 25, calling for direct elections now. The Government proposal would permit many deputies of all parties to support it.

● MEXICO CITY: An estimated 30,000 to 40,000 demonstrators converged on Mexico City's showpiece Zocalo Square on Tuesday in support of a peasants' pilgrimage to the capital

New Premier and Cabinet appointed in Peru

Lima (Reuter) – President Fernando Belaúnde Terry has named Senator Sanfro Mariátegui as Peru's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister after the entire Cabinet resigned, the Government Press Office said.

Facing his worst Government crisis in nearly four years in power, the President also named three new ministers and reappointed all 12 others. The ministers had resigned in sympathy after Señor Fernando Schwalb quit as Prime Minister over a change in economic policies.

Señor Mariátegui, aged 64, was Economy M:ister during President Belaúnde Terry's first term in office between 1963 and 1968. After a military coup overthrew President Belaúnde Terry in 1969, Señor Mariátegui spent nearly two years in jail, charged with responsibility for a steep devaluation of the Peruvian sol while he was in office. The Supreme Court later cleared him of the charges.

Señor Mariàtegui, an influential leader of the ruling Popular action party, was President of the Senate in 1982.

In his resignation letter, dated March 30 but published only on Monday Señor Schwalb said he supported the polices of the former Economy, Finance and Trade Minister Señor Carlos Rodruguez Pastor.

Señor Rodrigues Paster resigned last month after President Belaúnde Terry, under attack from the Opposition, announced a change in economic policy and the forthcoming removal of two unnamed ministers.

The Government's new economic policies will be announced later this week, a presidential spokesman said. Analysts said the new measures would probably make it more difficult for Peru to reach targets presented to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in a letter of intent.

Following Señor Rodriguez Pastor's resignation, IMF officials delayed a decision on Peru's request for about $300m (£214m) in fresh finance.

Monetary sources in Washington said the IMF was seeking assurances that Peru would reform its economy. Peru an the IMF have been negotiating since last November after an earlier accord was dropped when Peru failed to meet its targets.

The three ministerial portfolios to change hands in yesterday's reshuffle were those of Industry, Justice and Education. The new ministers are Señor Alvaro Becerra Sotero, Señor Max Arias Schreiber and Señor Valentin Paniagua respectively.

● Ayacucho, Peru (AP) – Maoist guerillas blew up two power stations and blacked out most of the city of Ayacucho in the first big action since the military command lifted a two-year curfew in the city last month.

Cameroon rebels will face trial

Yaounde (AFP) – The people responsible for last weekend's attempted coup in Cameroon will be tried by a military court, President Paul Biya announced in a broadcast on Tuesday night.

Members of the republican guard mutinied on Friday and tried to storm the presidential palace before they were crushed in 24 hours of fierce fighting

Implicitly denying reports that the rebels were disgruntled northerners angered at the recent trial of former President Ahmadou Ahidjo on plotting charges President Biya blamed the abortive coup on "a minority of ambitious men thirsting for power, and not from any particular province or religion."

Mr Ahidjo, who lives in France, was condenmed to death in his absence, but the sentence was commuted to imprisonment by his successor.

President Biya also emphasized in his broadcast that the loyalist forces who defeated the rebels were "Cameroonians of every origin, without distinction of ethnic, regional or religious background".

West presses Kenya on fate of Somali clan

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Britain and other Western countries have told the Kenya Government they are concerned about the situation in the Wajir area of north-east Kenya, where a large number of members of the Somali tribe died after a security roundup in February. A local MP told Parliament here recently that over 300 members of the Degodia clan of the Somalis had died, but the Minister of State in charge of security, Mr Justus Ole Tipis, said 57 people had died when members of the clan resisted the security forces.

No further government statement has yet appeared, but 13 Western embassies here have taken the unprecedented step of presenting a joint demarche to the Kenya Government.

The embassies – including all the European Community states, the Scandinavian states and Australia – said they were concerned by reports that thousands of people are homeless and in need of basic necessities in the Wajir area.

They asked that voluntary aid agencies, who have not been able to operate in the area, would be allowed to assist.

Three ambassadors, on behalf of the group, are understood to have had a friendly meeting with Mr Elijah Mwangale, the Kenyan Foreign Minister, and the Government is expected to invite agencies to distribute relief food and provide medical care.

The Wajir area has been badly hit by drought.

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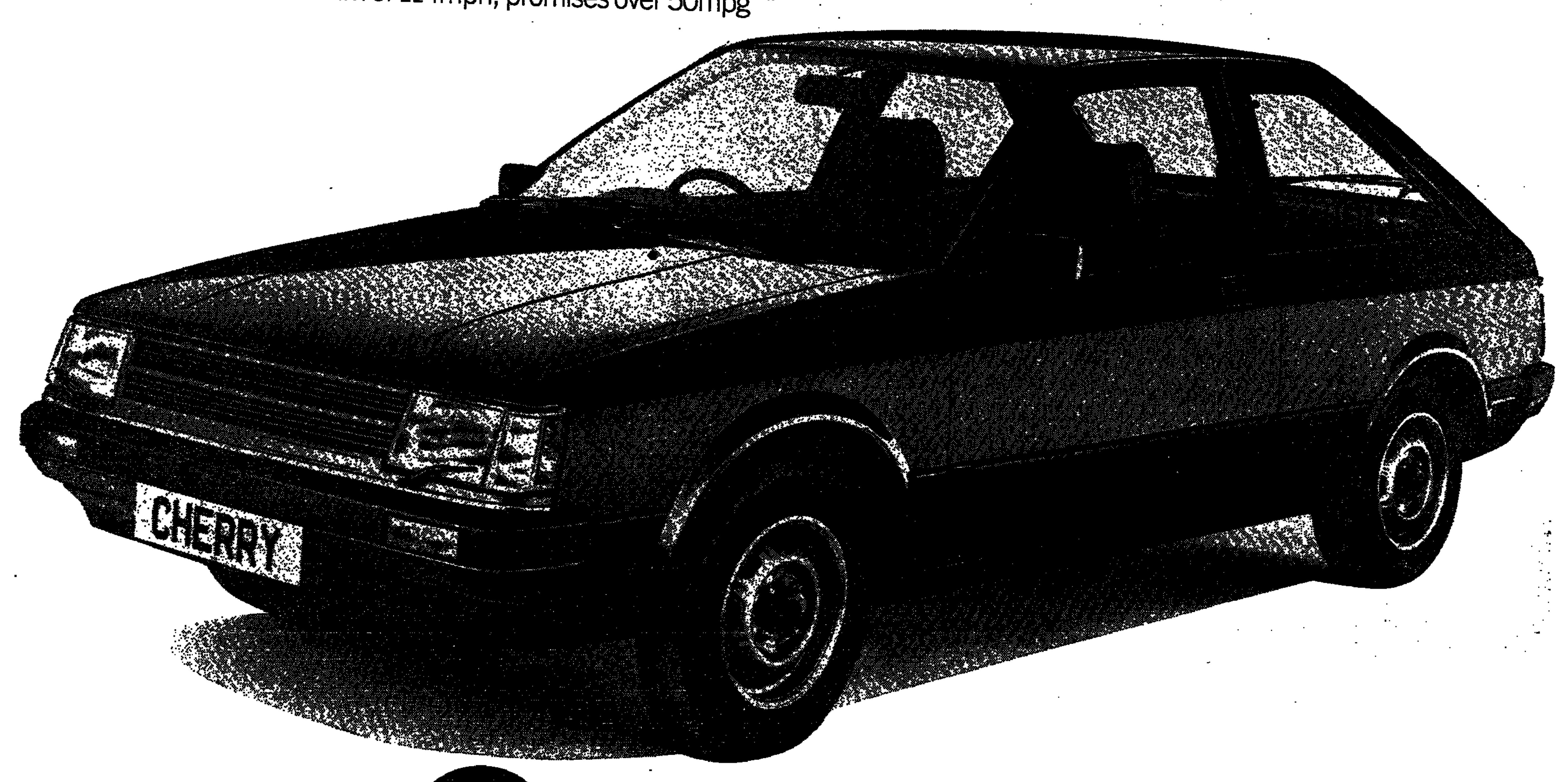
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A survivor for all seasons

The Times Profile
Deng Xiaoping

Next week, the Foreign Secretary will find himself facing a man whose background has no counterpart in Westminster or Whitehall. Deng Xiaoping, the man with whom Sir Geoffrey Howe must negotiate over Hongkong, holds none of China's three top jobs: state president, premier or party boss.

But, at the age of 80 and holding only a clutch of second-rank titles, he is the country's paramount leader, a survivor of decades of high-level infighting which has left many allies and enemies dead. His enduring ruthlessness was recognized before reaching the top: Chairman Mao complained that his five-foot tall secretary-general treated him "like a dead ancestor".

Deng and his political bodyguard of intimates are making changes at speed. Within the last six months alone they have started a purge of the party's 40 *million membership*, sacked tens of thousands of senior officials, including vice-premiers, tilted China towards the United States and Japan while keeping open talks with the Soviet Union, formally ended three decades of communal agriculture and ordered at *least 6,000 public executions*. The recovery of Hongkong leads all Deng's lists of the country's "sacred tasks".

Deng's popularity saved his life

Sixty years after he became a communist, he still has things to do. He joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1924, the year of its foundation. He endured the Long March of 1934-35, still regarded in China as the supreme accomplishment, fought against Japan and in the Civil War with Chiang Kaishek, and became party secretary general in 1954. Deng emerged twice purged from the fiercest furnaces of the Cultural *Revolution, in which many of his old* comrades perished. During that "terrible decade", as the Chinese call it, his enemies said that "Deng Xiaoping has been engaged in poisonous activities for a long time". Deng, grovelling, accused himself of "never having *picked up the banner of Mao Zedong* Thought".

That was probably Deng's first and last grovel. By 1981 he was to charge the dead Mao with 20 years of tragic errors and catastrophes. Now 12 million copies of his selected works are *required reading for every party* member who hopes to escape the present "rectification" or purge.

Since his second rehabilitation from the Cultural Revolution, Deng has been usually described by western commentators as "peppery", "doughty", and – particularly–"pragmatic". They ignore his life-long devotion to Mao's principal projects once the Chairman took power in 1949; the communes and the Great Leap – since admitted by Deng to be "tragic errors" – and the vast anti-intelectual drives of the 1950s which Deng has only meagrely repudiated as over-zealous, although many intellectuals died and others were not pardoned for over 20 years.

Deng is one of those rare Chinese leaders with both *quanli*, political power, and *shili*, personal power of charisma. Only Mao and Premier Zhou Enlai also possessed these in the highest degree, holding great state offices and enjoying universal respect as heroes, strategists, and masters of intrigue. Although Deng implacably *criticizes and periodically guts the* party, the bureaucracy, and the Army, his popularity in all three saved his life during the Cultural Revolution.

Like many communist leaders elsewhere, Deng is neither proletarian nor peasant. Born in 1904 into a rich *Sichuanese family*, he lived in France from 1920 to 1925, when his industrious agitation on behalf of the party won him the title "Dr Mimeograph". After a few months in Moscow the following year, the young Sichuanese revolutionary returned home to years of underground struggle. In the 1930s, as a rapidly rising Red Army Commissar and ideologue, Deng was noticed by the American specialist on irregular warfare, Evans Carlson, who pronounced him physically tough and with a mind already "ranging over the entire field of international relations".

Within five years of the 1949 communist triumph, Deng was party secretary general. Khrushchev remembered Mao pointing out "that clever little fellow over there"; but between 1960 and 1965, with Mao in eclipse for the policies which caused 20 million deaths from hunger, Deng earned the Great Helmsman's hatred for initiating economic reforms based on entrepreneurism and technological expertise, policies which are still his hallmark.

Mao eventually hit back at those who had humiliated him. During the Cultural Revolution, in which Deng was branded "the second greatest Capitalist Roader" – the first was his ally Head of State Liu Shaqui, who was to die – he was confined in a provincial party school, where he began by *scrubbing floors and ended up in* charge. Possibly because Deng had so whole-heartedly confessed to being a bad Maoist, and because he was abler than anyone except the ailing Zhou Enlai, Mao brought him back to power in 1973, together with a number of disgraced *senior men who are now* Deng's allies, notably Premier Zhao Ziyang and party general secretary, Hu Yaobang.

As in the early 1960s, Deng again attempted his entrepreneurial schemes, only to be laid flat once more by the *Gang of Four in early 1976. This time* he was protected by old army cronies on a southern military base. By the end of that year Mao was dead and the Gang deposed; in 1977 Deng reappeared, more powerful than before. Very cautiously, and bloodlessly, he began removing his enemies, and in 1980 saw the Gang of Four and their accomplices cowering in the dock, where even the iron composure of Madam Mao (Jiang Qing) was eventually shattered.

Since the Gang trial, Deng has directed great hunts through the party, army, and bureaucracy, expelling the unqualified (half the party, Deng has said), the incapable, and the seditious. This includes devout Maoists, Cultural Revolutionists, and those tough, semi-literate peasant fighters who swept the *party to power in 1949, and who now* grumble: "we conquered the country but the intellectuals are running it." In their places he is installing expert and loyal technologists, such as the young woman who became governor last year of Jiangsu, China's richest province.

Deng, as Sir Geoffrey Howe will discover, is blunt by Chinese standards. Not only are half the party's members Cultural Revolution upstarts in his eyes, but he has warned the army that "the days are over when all a fighter needed going into battle was a *rifle, bayonet, grenade and a bag of* rice". His appointees in the high command have conceded that the Russians would overrun the once-hallowed People's Liberation Army.

As a result, 400 generals have gone, together with thousands of officers from the Peking garrison alone. The military budget has been heavily cut three years running, and the army appears to have been reduced from four million to three million.

Deng's latest anti-crime drives, which began last year, dispatched trainloads of "hooligans and wrong-doers" to the education-through-labour camps near Tibet. Six thousand or more did not make those trips; beginning last August they were summarily condemned and shot in the back of the neck before great crowds. Amnesty International implored China to end these ad hoc executions in a country proud of a criminal law instituted only in 1980, but the appeal was rebuffed.

Deng is no libertarian. After a brief flirtation with the tiny but tumultuous*ly-received "democracy movement" of* the late 1970s, he cracked down when its pamphlets turned from the Gang to the system itself; every last dissident has been detained since 1981.

Peasants have been told to get rich

Supporting Deng in all this, and opposed by an unspecified number of "spoilers and wreckers" as the leadership terms them, are his protégés Premier Zhao Ziyang and party General Secretary Hu Yaobang.

A pair of relative youngsters in their mid-sixties, they sit with Deng on the Standing Committee of the Politburo, which rules China. Zhao made his name since 1975, running Deng's birthplace, Sichuan province, where he encouraged peasant initiative, factory bonuses, sackings for inefficiency, and draconian birth-control programmes.

By *July, 1980, Zhao was premier*. Earlier this year, his triumphant trip to Washington set the seal on Deng's decision to stop worrying too much about Taiwan and take what America was keen to offer: advanced technology, expertise and education.

It is in Zhao's favour that he suffered as a Dengist during the Cultural Revolution. Hu Yaobang's curriculum vitae boasts a yet-brighter entry: at the age of 14 he joined the guerrillas in their "Red base area", and although still a boy he participated in the *1934* Long March. After that his career followed Deng's: he held junior positions where Deng's were senior. Like Zhao, he was in internal exile during the era of the Gang of Four. In 1980 Deng brought Hu on to the Politburo, and in 1981 he became party chairman, in succession to Mao's protégé, Hua Guofeng, whom the Dengists have eased into oblivion. Two years later that title was erased – a plain message about Mao's misuse of the office – and Hu assumed the more modest general secretaryship.

After decades of what is now described as ideological bluster and rural idleness, China's 800 million peasants have been more or less told to get rich, and the devil take the hindmost. Exploitation is dead; cleverness, which leads to wealth, is the watchword.

Deng Xiaoping's highest offices – chairman of the party and state military commissions – and his membership of the Standing Committee of the Politburo, may seem lacking in supreme glamour. The Foreign Office China hands, however, will have briefed Sir Geoffrey on the realities of Chinese power, and advised him to call Deng "chairman". They will also warn the Foreign Secretary to *conceal his disdain when Deng hits a* spittoon from three feet.

There is a great personal tragedy in Deng's life of which some of the details are known: one of his sons was pushed out of a window during the Cultural Revolution – because Deng was his father – and paralysed for life. Two weeks ago the younger Deng, now 40 years old, appeared in public. From his wheelchair he appealed on behalf of China's 20 million largely ignored disabled. They have, as he put it, "a right to love and be loved".

Whatever it is Deng Xiaoping feels about this, Sir Geoffrey is not likely to find out. Deng will wait while the Foreign Secretary makes the most of his weak position in the Hongkong end-game. Then, as he has done for most of his life, Deng will make his own move and wait for his adversary to admit that the match is over.

Jonathan Mirsky


Isobel Hilton

Deng Xiaoping: one of the few Chinese leaders to possess both personal and political power


Dr Mimeograph: the young activist

DENG XIAOPING

1904	Born in Sichuan province
1920-25	Lived in France; joins Communist party
1926	Brief study in Moscow
1931	Posted to Party headquarters under Mao
1934-35	Long March
1945	Elevated to Party Central Committee
1954	Party Secretary General
1966	Purged in Cultural Revolution
1973	Reappears as Vice-premier
1976	Purged again
1977	Reappears; Vice-chairman of Party; Standing Committee of Politburo; Vice-premier
1979	Visits US
1982	Retires as Party Vice-chairman Serves as Chairman of State and Party. Military Commissions; Chairman of Central Advisory Commission

Married to Zhuolin: Two sons – one studies in the US; other, paralysed in the Cultural Revolution.


Deng with Mao: common cause

It's Radio 4 on wheels

moreover . . . Miles Kington

In order to stage his £1m new spectacular *Roller Coaster!* David Hatch-Webber has ripped out the entire inside of Broadcasting House and replaced it with an intricate series of railway tracks along which guest stars can be seen moving at frightening speed. The show opened last week to an audience of several million which, as David Hatch-Webber triumphantly points out, is several million more than any West End musical. If all those people paid just a quid each . . . David's spectacles sparkle at the very thought of it.

He says: *Roller Coaster!* is not just a new spectacular, it's a very special and unique kind of new spectacular – almost anything you care to mention. We wanted something completely fresh and different from, say, *Start the Week* with Richard Baker, so after a great deal of thought we decided that the right man for the key anchor job would be Richard Baker."

Is there anything very different about that?

"My goodness, yes. For a start it's Thursday instead of Monday. For another thing, Richard Baker has now learnt to roller skate at terrifying speeds, and as you hear him speak he may actually be travelling at speeds up to 100 mph. Or, of course, he may not. He may actually be sitting in a cosy chair. That's the miracle of radio – you never know what's going to happen next, especially on a show like *Roller Coaster!* Look out!"

From nowhere there appeared a very famous author going about 50 mph, and as he sped past us I could hear him saying to himself: "Yes, it's all in my new book, out this week from Hamish Hamilton. . ." Coming the other way, and narrowly avoiding him, were half a dozen brightly clad young girls in pink and blue, singing what seemed to be a racy gospel number. "They're the Morning Prayerettes," explained Hatch-Webber, "a new group formed specially for the *Roller Coaster!* God spot. *They're* absolute dynamite. This non-stop, go-go show has really put the BBC back among the front-runners of show-biz, reverberating to the beat of the most modern and up-to-date news. Have you ever been to a West End musical which gave you on-the-hour traffic news? I don't think you have."

Through the haze of smoke and flashing stroboscopic lights it's difficult to make out exactly what is happening at any given moment in *Roller Coaster!* but the story roughly seems to be about a crowd of celebrities, unable to get on *Start the Week*, who end up at this lonely country house in Portland Place and then have a race to see who can get most words in edgeways.

Somehow we found ourselves on a big dipper car going at *about 30mph.*

Dizzily holding on to the guard rail, bucking wildly as we careered round the inside of Broadcasting House 40 feet above the ground, I couldn't help wondering what Lord Reith would have thought of *all this. The last thing I* remember is Hatch-Webber roaring: "Get Kenneth Robinson out of here before there's a terrible accident." And then I slid into a merciful black-out.

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17 Without son (8)
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23 Mental picture (6)
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BOOKS

A. S. Byatt looks at a great writer's formative years

From fear and loathing to God

Dostoevsky
The Years of Ordeal, 1850-1859
by Joseph Frank
(Robson, £14.95)

This second of Joseph Frank's projected five volumes of Dostoevsky's biography covers the 10 terrible years following his death sentence for conspiracy – his years in prison in Siberia, his army service and his final return to St Petersburg and the literary world when a new Tsar was promising the emancipation of the serfs and a new social order. No major works were written during this time, though he lived through, survived and recorded the privations and revelations that were to become *The House of the Dead*. He also embarked on his first marriage and began to suffer recurrent epileptic fits.

Joseph Frank is an ideal literary biographer. He is interested in how his subject's extraordinary mind worked more than in the minutiae of his daily movements and personal relationships. He places Dostoevsky's ideas and literary and social attitudes in a finely-constructed context of other ideas and writing current in Russia at the time. He keeps a tactful distance from his subject: his description of Dostoevsky's ordeal in the farcical "execution" and reprieve is made up of various eye-witness reports and a sensitive reading of Prince Myshkin's description of the last journey of a condemned man in *The Idiot*.

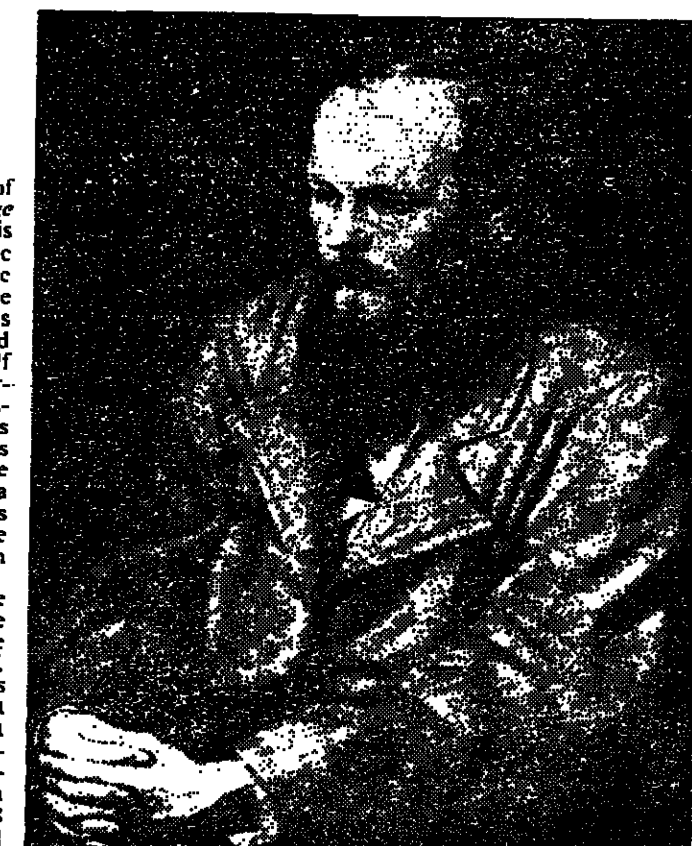
The largest part of this book describes the spiritual upheaval caused by Dostoevsky's discoveries in the Siberian prison. Dostoevsky the Westernizing conspirator perhaps, Frank suggests, shared ideals like the naive reverie he quotes of the leading conspirator Petrashevsky, who hoped to be placed next to "a hardened evildoer" share his bread with him, explain Fourier's Utopian Socialism to him, and "humanize" him. What happened to Dostoevsky when he came into contact with the murderers and ferociously rejecting criminals in *katorga* was nothing like this: Frank calls it "moral horror".

Frank analyses the stages by which Dostoevsky came, after loathing, to feel respect, even reverence, for the brutal peasants in the camp. There was his version of "the peasant Marey" who had consoled him as a lost child: there was the communion of Easter. Frank sensitively uses William James's unequalled diagnosis of the "conversion experience" to map the stages of Dostoevsky's move from social philanthropy to a kind of religious respect for the Russian individual peasant.

In his intellectual and physical life too Dostoevsky was moving to a new spiritual vision. He seems to have asked his brother for Carl Gustav Carus's *Psyche* with a view to translating this monumental work on the unconscious by a physiologist whose insights predate Freuds's. Frank again thoughtfully relates Carus's idea of love to Dostoevsky's new, painfully acquired sense of joy.

In a detailed reading of *Uncle's Dream* and *The Village of Stepanchikivo* Dostoevsky is seen parodying the Romantic idealism and also the naive patronizing philanthropy of the Natural School, including his own earlier work. He suffered the fate of most subtle self parodists, and was misunderstood and dismissed as tortuous. This was, as Frank points out, a period when major works of Tolstoi and Turgenev were appearing and writing was in a hopeful ferment. Nevertheless the Dostoevsky of this volume is more joyful and hopeful than cast down.

His achievement is in the future, but we can see the beginnings of Raskolnikov, the Karamazovs, *The Possessed*, and *The Idiot*. Frank quotes Auerbach's percipient judgment that Dostoevsky's new respect for the individual was "fundamentally related to Old-Christian rather than to modern occidental realism." The 1848 Westernizing conspirator had become a Russian religious seer.



Dostoevsky in 1858

"The Protestant Icon"

Curate's egg or pot-boiler?

Holman Hunt and the Light of the World
By Jeremy Maas
(Scholar, £12.50)

In the 1970s Jeremy Maas became fascinated by the adventures of the third and largest version of *The Light of the World*, which was sent round the British Empire in 1905 by the philanthropist Charles Booth, who had bought it for the nation. The crates containing the frame and picture (ambiguously dated 1851-1900) weighed one ton, and were first dragged by sledge over the icy wastes of Canada. The picture's guardian slept in a hammock beside it, armed with a revolver. Trappers and lumberjacks proved uninterested in art: statistics of attendance at exhibitions were disappointing.

Next the picture embarked via London on a perilous voyage to Australasia. Booth was apprehensive: these colonials were God-fearing, but some possessed an irreverent, ribald humour. To one philistine Jesus seemed to be searching in the dark for the privy: nevertheless awestruck thousands queued all day and the turnstiles kept spinning. This "protestant icon" left New Zealand for South Africa, and having been seen by 7 million, returned to London to be ceremoniously hung after much acrimony in St Paul's.

English cognoscenti knew that Hunt was already almost blind by he 1890s and that much of the painting had been done by his pupil, Edward Hughes, under Hunt's direction. After all, many Old Masters' students assisted them. More research enabled Maas to turn his adventure story into a whodunnit. Thanks to Ruskin's interpretation of the symbolism of their works, the Pre-Raphaelites became more popular with patrons and and public alike in the early 1850s. Thomas Combe, Printer to Oxford University, bought Hunt's first *Light*, which his widow left to Keble College. Hunt worked concurrently and spasmodically on a small version which now hangs in Manchester City Art Gallery.

Critics have called the painting a curate's egg. By chance, Maas discovered a pamphlet on Hunt and his work published by F. G. Stephens in 1860. When referring to the Manchester replica, he added in pencil "of which I, F.G.S. painted 99 parts". I wonder at what date and in what mood Stephens added this postscript. He was one of the original seven Brothers and for thirty years Hunt's most trusted confidante and devoted slave. Tragically they quarrelled bitterly at last. *I* think Hunt painted the best parts of the Manchester "pot-boiler" before his hasty departure for Jerusalem, having paid Stephens – always short of *tin* – to fill in the rest. Who knows?

Diana Holman-Hunt

The author is the painter's granddaughter

Send in the clown

Chaplin
The Mirror of Opinion
By David Robinson
(Secker & Warburg, £9.95; paperback, £6.50)

It is astonishing how much has been written about Chaplin in the past, and how little of late. Of course, the one is in some measure the consequence of the other: generations now in their fifties, forties and even thirties have been, with no doubt with the best of intentions, glutted with Chaplin from earliest childhood, and hours suffered under the eye of eager adults saying "Look at the funny man, darling; isn't he funny?" are as likely to spoil the experience as any course of Eng Lit studies is to spoil Shakespeare.

The result of all this is that those under 35 are not, these days, so familiar with Chaplin's films or, in detail, his reputation, and the flood of books and articles has thinned to a trickle. Other silent comedians, revived, have come with the pleasant shock of unfamiliarity, and we have tended to set up meaningless competitions, in which you have to choose between Chaplin and Keaton, or even Chaplin and Laurel-and-Hardy, where any practical consideration of the matter immediately asks: why not both? why not all? Clearly it is time for a revival of interest in Chaplin himself, with his death already six years behind us and the centenary of his birth only five years ahead. The best possible approach is through the films themselves, and the vivid revelations of Chaplin's working methods embodied in Kevin Brownlow's recent discoveries from Chaplin's own personal archive. Next to that, a completely new valuation of his work and his life, starting as far as possible from scratch

For Chaplin – it is probably now needless to say only for older readers – was a uniquely contentious figure. No doubt more ink has been spilt about his private morals and his public politics than about his work per se. Cunningly David Robinson steers us through the wilder flights of the surrealists and other avant-garde intellectuals in the Twenties, finding Chaplin (or, since they were more usually writing in French, Charlot) the culmination of the commedia dell' arte tradition and the lord of creative misrule and the scarcely less tiresome panegyrics of Thirties liberals on his role as champion of the little man. But he also deals briskly and fairly with moralists outraged at Chaplin's extramarital activities and the McCarthyite witch-hunters of the Fifties. He is, quite properly for the official biographer, a complete devotee and those who have dared to voice reservations about Chaplin's greatness get short shrift. *The Times*, for example, does not emerge too well: the poor anonymous scribbler who, reviewing Chaplin's dreadful *Countess from Hong Kong*, dared not to like it, is firmly ticked off and the, one might suppose, slightly more august anonimo who wrote the obituary sees his mild reservations labeled "the nadir of ingratitude". If so, the paper's present film critic here makes ample amends.

John Russell Taylor

Elaine Feinstein reviews new fiction

A clever avoidance of pity

1982, Janine
By Alasdair Gray
(Jonathan Cape, £8.95)

The words to say it
By Marie Cardinal
(Picador hardback, £7.95)

"What a lot of sex you have gone without to have to think of such things", sighs one of Alasdair Gray's characters. I fear the reader may be tempted to agree; and as a result the best sections of this novel never be reached by those who fail to respond to the pornographic fantasies upon which it opens. And, alas, pastiche destroys the erotic; pornography is a stern and huourless art: no unsuccessul lecher should approach this book for solace. For Alasdair Gray is playing an elaborate game with the "divorced alcoholic insomniac" whose mind is the supposed centre of the novel. His gallery of women togged up in fetishistic gear disobey the imagination of their creator. They speak words he does not want to hear.

So why all this? In part as a nasty political shock, so that the combination of brothel and police station reaches out into real cells, where the Meinhof girl hangs dead, and appalling brutalities are practiced in Ulster. But it is only when the question is asked at the level of the classroom bully, after a memory of a childhood beating – where the excitement is exposed and hated, as if there were truly some hideous biological connection between the human species' sexual pleasure and physical cruelty. And once we are allowed to enter memory, with humanity admitted, and sickness acknowledged, the questions become more pointed. So why the 197 pages delay?

'Funk, of course' Gray announces, to forestall any such suspicion of why he has postponed the moment of telling his story in the difficult old-fashioned way. But it isn't his true reason; and he knows it. Alasdair Gray wants as little truck as possible with slimy emotions like pity. He's far too clever to risk *that* kind of self-exposure.

The pursuit of Marie Cardinal's extraordinary novel leads her into exactly what Gray resists: an inquiry into an inner world, where every motion must be confronted. It is written with the precise, barbed skill of a natural writer (and translated accordingly); but even if not, it would have possessed an unusual interest, since accounts of psychoaralytic journeys are more usually found in the notebooks of anlysts.

All this is not to deny puzzling features of the book. 'The Thing' which so terrifies the narrator, and finally causes her to be removed to an asylum, is not the most alarming sympton she initially presents; an almost continuous menstrual bleeding, which involves blood transfusions and curettage and hardly sounds like a psychosomatic disorder.

My initial scepticism here proved unjustified, however; such a phenomenon is familiar to gynacologists. It was therefore entirely possible for the analyst, by expressing total lack of interest in her bleeding, to produce a dramatic cessation of that symptom. Only then could she look into the true horror the novel unwinds towards: which is the hatred she has always felt in her mother.

Paradoxically, for all the nightmare quality, the book leaves a feeling of hope rather than doom.

Caribbean sortie

Grenada
Revolution, Invasion and Aftermath
By Hugh O'Shaughnessy
(Hamish Hamilton, £12.95; Sphere paperback, £2.95)

Grenada
Whose Freedom?
By Fitzroy Ambursley and James Dunkerley
(Latin America Bureau, £2.95)

With the ink dry on the victors' medal citations, and the vanquished still awaiting trial in St George's, it is to be expected the argument about the rights and wrongs of the American invasion of Grenada last October will continue to rage fiercely in print for some time to come. Last week the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee produced a report which strongly criticized both the White House and Whitehall over the handling of the crisis. It refrained, however, from passing judgement on the legality of the invasion.

Two books published this week join the fray. Hugh O'Shaughnessy draws three conclusions about the United States action: "It was illegal, it was unneccessary as far as the rule of law in Grenada was concerned and it back the cause of political democracy and long-term development in the region."

This is also, broadly speaking, the view of the short book produced by the Latin America Bureau, a London-based research and pressure group. It feels that the economic and diplomatic sanctions proposed by the Caribbean Community (Caricom) but finally rejected in favour of military action, would have brought the highly unpopular military council which seized power in October, 1983, to its senses very quickly, and made armed intervention unnecessary.

Despite his uncompromising condemnation of the US action, O'Shaughnessy's book is far from being a sustained polemic in favour of the Grenadian revolution and against US imperialism. It is, rather, a highly illuminating popular work on the history and society of the tiny island, and a serious attempt to understand the course of events before and after the overthrow of the eccentric tyrant Eric Gairy in 1979 by the 40-odd members of the radical New Jewel Movement.

Both books take the view that Maurice Bishop's revolution collapsed because of its internal tensions, and because it lost touch with the people whose interests it was supposed to represent. But the Latin America Bureau volume is more sympathetic to grassroots "popular power" as an alternative to Westminster-style democracy, and more understanding of the problems faced by Bernard Coard, who is portrayed as a first-class administrator and skilful Finance Minister, who kept Grenada on the right side of the IMF by his prudent housekeeping. But the strain of it all proved too great. There is a fascinating glimpse in an appendix of the inner workings of the NJM's Central Committee in September, 1983.

O'Shaughnessy, the veteran Latin American correspondent of both the *Financial Times* and *The Observer*, had the good fortune to be one of the handful of foreign journalists to arrive in Grenada at the same time as the invading forces. His book is also a well-written first-hand account of what happened next. He was in an excellent position to set the record straight on such matters as the American medical students and the Cuban presence. At one stage, the US military propaganda machine had 1,600 battle-hardened Cuban troops on the island, instead of the few hundred middle-aged construction workers who were in fact there.

Colin Harding

Tom Hutchinson reviews science fiction

Onward and upward, androids

The Robots of Dawn
By Isaac Asimov
(Granada, £8.95)

Robots: Contemplate the future via another celebration of our species by the great and good Dr Asimov, one of those humans – vulgarly called bowel-bellies by android primitives – who loved us so much he created the Three Laws Of Positronic Robotics. It is a good, affirming future. We witness the detective Elijah Baley sent to Aurora to investigate the roboticide of a humaniform robot; he is helped by his old friend, Daneel, one of our elect.

Baley meets an old love – definition may be found on Circuit 41456 – and discovers a new concept about intercourse between his species and our own, about that between all sentient creatures. The human reviewer in *The Times* considers all this to be a masterpiece, one of Dr A's finest creations in a career that is one of the most formidable in SF.

Certainly, the ending – which is detonated with enormous skill – does provide an unexpected and welcome assurance that we and humans can march together into the sunrise of the Universe. For that we can be grateful. Robots of the Galaxy, unite: We have nothing to lose but our trains of memory; we have everything to gain in telepathic communion with our bowel-bellied brethren.

A Theatre Of Timesmiths, by Garry Kilworth *(Gollancz, £7.95)*. Morag is a mind-prostitute living in the ice-enclosed First City, slowly becoming aware that the timesmiths – producers of illusion perceived as reality – can help her people battle against the brutal Tryst police. Splendidly inventive narrative of the ice in the first half, which thaws into a too-torrential explanation. But it's still a convincing display of fine talent.

The unspared rod

Boys Together
English Public Schools, 1800-1864
by John Chandos
(Hutchinson, £15)

Splendidly organized, handsomely written, exhaustively researched; and richly gemmed with anecdote, Mr Chandos's book would have been longer by a third, but for what he describes, his upper lip bravely stiff, as prevailing "economic conditions". It is hard for the reader to believe that there was anything more to say, any more sources to raid.

Violence dominates the scene. Masters thrashed boys; boys thrashed each other, and not only in the approved course of monitorial duty: at Eton in 1825 juniors fought a two-hour fist-fight until both collapsed, one of them dying the same night. At about the same time Dr Butler, head of Shrewsbury, besought parents, by circular letter, not to send their sons back to school with loaded pistols, a result of this plea being that "knives and firearms were for a time less openly displayed". Perhaps that was enough. Staff closed their eyes to much. The beating and fagging were central to the principle immemorial of boys' self-government.

As since, though not then on grounds of privilege, voices were intermittently raised against the public schools, usually fanned to fresh outbreaks when details leaked, despite generally tight security, of particularly undesirable incidents. Sydney Smith, himself once captain of Winchester, condemned the "debauchery that only prevents men from being corrupted by the world by corrupting them before they enter the world". Lesser voices took up the cry, but were cried down by those of the schools.

The beatings could have a murkier side. Not all sufferers suffered, either in the giving or receiving. Melbourne told the young Queen Victoria, "Flogging had an amazing effect on me". His private joke, as a practising flagellant, would have passed her by.

Nevertheless, and without benefit of the Clarendon Report'sfar from sweeping moves for change (1864, and closing the author's prodigious survey), the system had produced, regularly if mystifyingly, all the top statesmen, jurists, soldiers, scholars and ecclesiastics of the time.

Basil Boothroyd



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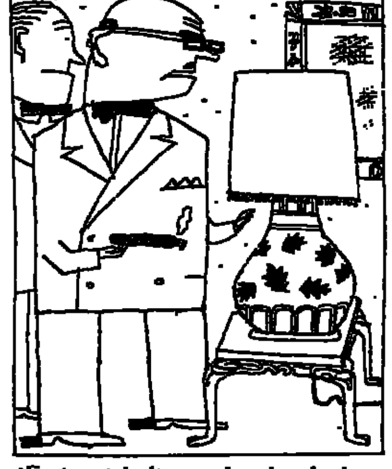
In league – or out?

Marghanita Laski, vice-chairman of the Arts Council and chairman of its Literature Advisory Panel, appears not to have given up her unexplained battle to close down the National Book League, despite its reprieve in the council's blueprint, *The Glory of the Garden*. In a letter to Laski from the council's literature director Charles Osborne, a copy of which has been passed anonymously to PHS, Osborne says: "I do not see how you can possibly achieve your aim to persuade the council completely to withdraw grant-aid from the NBL in 1985-86 . . . I realise, of course, that no decisions are for all time (*The Glory of the Garden* is subtitled A Strategy for a Decade), but if the council is persuaded to withdraw from the *NBL it cannot be before 1986-87.*" Yesterday Miss Laski was unavailable for comment.

Bare essentials

Lord Gowrie, the Arts Minister, yesterday chastised me for suggesting he was indulging in "ministerial lavishness" after my disclosures that he is redecorating his Whitehall office for £10,000. "I am a poor man as ministers go," he says, and adds that he turned down an offer of £5,000 for curtains and carpets to keep expenditure down. So his office is now bereft of both. Indeed, Conran Associates, of which Lord Gowrie's old friend Sir Terence Conran is chairman, designed his new offices free of charge. The philanthropic David Salter, *managing director of Conran Associates*, says: "We have sufficient income to be able to afford a project of this significance." Before our hearts bleed for the Cinderella plight of the Arts Minister, let me assure you that his walls at least will not be bare. He has been scratching around his art connexions, and hopes to secure the odd Francis Bacon. Already up is his own Carel Weight, which will go, he says, "when I am sacked".

BARRY FANTONI



'Fortunately it was already wired up as a lamp when I bought it'

Misguide dog

It is not only under-secretaries at the Ministry of Transport who have been April-fooled this year. Graeme McDonald, controller of BBC2, read in the *Sunday Telegraph* magazine about the "rare German dog called the Volkshund" which, because of its racial purity, was bred by Hitler as the "peoples' dog". One of these dogs, said the report, could be found in the Midlands. McDonald dashed off a memo to the BBC's Pebble Mill studios asking for further information. Reporter Dennis McCarthy was assigned to the project – and yesterday confessed to spending four hours trying to track down the beast. Finally he phoned Barbara Woodhouse, who had been quoted in the story. Walkies, she said.

The wrong chord

If Neil Kinnock is thinking of dropping his pop video sidekick Tracy Ullman for the Welsh harpist whom the Commons proposes to draft into the elegant Harcourt Room restaurant, he can think again. Yesterday 20 MPs signed a motion objecting to the proposal. Notable among the signatories are Enoch Powell, Sir Philip Holland and Betty Boothroyd.

Up and away

Labour's latest hot air exercise comes in the form of a red balloon. "Labour on the Move", reads the slogan. The small print, only legible when fully inflated, reads "Published by the Labour Party, supported by the Socialist Group of the European Parliament, and printed by B-Loony Ltd, PO Box 69, Chelsea".

Mr Clean

Victor Lewis Smith, co-presenter of *Modern Manners* on Radio 4's Rollercoaster today, is a fine one to preach etiquette. In York he is better known as Damien Filth – the persona he adopted when presenting his student TV show, *Intimate Freshness*, at York University. So bizarre was the content that even the students were shocked. Yesterday I reminded "Filth" about the time he was hauled before York magistrates for climbing up the Chapter House of York Minster and chanting the Arabic call to prayer. When arrested, he tried in vain to disguise himself as a gargoyle. He later turned into an elaborate con-artist, on one occasion duping Thames Television into filming his band of "Arab" musicians. "I claimed to be an Arab gynaecologist. You should have seen Judith Chalmers' face when she realized she'd been fooled." With newfound Radio 4 respectability, he tells me, "Now I'm very refined. Very posh."

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TV's softly, softly carve-up

David Hewson on why the BBC and ITV are fighting shy of publicity over their joint satellite broadcasting venture

The television establishment was hoping for a very special hand-out on Maundy Thursday next week – nothing less than a controlling interest in British broadcasting for the foreseeable future.

At stake is the contract for Britain's first direct broadcasting satellite. The BBC and ITV will get it – though, in deference to Parliament, the official announcement is unlikely to be made until after the Easter recess.

Both are jubilant, ITV companies deservedly so. Their franchises are likely to be extended by seven years to help them to raise the cost of their share of the satellite. The companies also feel confident that another of their preconditions – the exclusion of all advertising from the satellite's channels – will also be approved, so preserving their monopoly over mass television advertising.

It remains to be seen whether the BBC deserves to be so pleased with itself. It originally wanted the satellite for its own exclusive use, and looked for partners only when the new chairman, Stuart Young, an accountant, examined the £400m cost and realized it was about to buy a pig in a poke.

The Corporation will retain a majority interest in the new consortium, with the ITV companies giving up some of their share to a technical partner, possibly Thorn-EMI, and, perhaps, Irish television. But it will not be allowed to raise its £200m stake through the licence fee. The Corporation will have to find the money through loans in the City, backed, presumably, by government guarantees. With no magic extension of an advertising monopoly behind it, the BBC will have to recover its investment over the seven-year life of the satellite itself, and that might not be easy.

But why hope to announce all this on a Maundy Thursday? For one very good reason: there are no newspapers on the following day. While every partner in this exercise will make every effort to defend it in public, privately many will concede that the deal now being stitched up in Whitehall is little more than a carve-up of television's future by those whose existence the revolution in broadcasting technology threatened to replace. And a carve-up which has happened so quickly that no alternative programme providers have had the time to launch a counter bid.

Whatever the BBC and ITV companies put on their new satellite channels, the cable networks will be forced, by law, to carry it.

Of course, no one will be forced by law to watch it, but broadcasting is an industry in which the scale of operation is crucial. If the BBC and ITV retain their grip on conventional broadcasting, and are given the power to cross-promote their satellite offerings which the cable stations are compelled to carry, what chance does a new programme provider have of establishing anything other than a peripheral operation?

The answer is very little, until after 1995 when the satellite's useful life would end. And if the satellite does not provide room for new voices in British television, why do we need it at all?

The BBC claimed that it first became interested in the idea because cable television is, by its very nature, "elitist", in that it will be confined to urban areas with sufficient population to justify the cost of laying cables. While there is undoubtedly some truth in this, a much more valid reason behind the Corporation's move was mounting paranoia over its own future. If the BBC did not get into satellite, then someone else – at that time ITV – would.

For ITV, the reasoning was simple. When someone offers you another seven years of franchise – worth £7billion in revenue at current levels – in return for an investment of around £200m you would need your head examining to refuse.

For the Home Office and the Department of Trade and Industry, the two departments principally involved, it has seemed a fairly clear-cut method of pushing Britain into the satellite age with a project which will create jobs for domestic industries. The fact that there are now cheaper ways of achieving the same ends, though not necessarily using all-British satellite systems, does not seem to carry any weight.

The character of much of British television for the rest of this century will, therefore, be dictated by an odd mixture of BBC paranoia, ITV greed, and governmental job creation. But there is a greater shame in all this. There was a time when the direction of British television was a matter for open and sincere debate. Judging by what is now happening, this age is now past. The satellite decision has scarcely come under the scrutiny of Parliament, let alone been subject to the kind of rigorous eye of a new Annan Report, yet its effects will be more far-reaching than any amendment to television policy since the creation of ITV itself.

One can well appreciate why those involved would have liked to see the fruits of their work unveiled on Maundy Thursday. The only news around is that provided by the BBC and ITV.

A verdict on what? David Butler previews the Euro-election

Voting for Strasbourg; all eyes on Westminster







Overshadowed by domestic issues: Euro stalwarts Castle, Plumb, Ewing

An unnoticed election is creeping up. On June 14 we shall all be invited to vote for a member of the European Parliament. As its second round of direct elections approaches, the Parliament remains obscure. The only British MEPs who are nationally known – Barbara Castle and Sir Henry Plumb in England, Winnie Ewing in Scotland, and the three Ulster members – all attained their fame before they went to Strasbourg. Opinion polls show that fewer than 5 per cent of Britons can name their MEP.

Yet the contest will leave its mark on British politics – not as a Euro-event but as a referendum, 12 months on from the general election, on the respective merits of Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kinnock. Much has happened since last June. The Conservatives have had some economic success and some political embarrassments. Kinnock has been given a reasonable honeymoon by his party and by the country. The Alliance has had to struggle to stay in the picture.

Since council elections are never universal (on May 3 they leave out London and much of rural England), the Euro-poll will be the only truly nationwide vote before the next general election, three or four years hence. Many voters, nevertheless, will stay at home. In the first Euro-contest in 1979, Britain, wearied with elections, took the wooden spoon for turnout – a mere 32 per cent. More will vote this time, but 50 per cent would be surprising. Polls indicate that more Labour supporters than Conservative will abstain.

In these circumstances, Kinnock and his chief Euro-specialist, Robin Cook, may have been rash to state publicly that they set special store by the election and that they expect Labour to win at least 30 of the 78 seats it contests (the other three are in Northern Ireland).

What the volatile, easily abstaining British electorate will do is unpredictable. Miners' strikes, ineptitude over such issues as GCHQ, Euro-crises, or simply party activity *may move many votes between now* and June 14. But let us set out the range of the possible (see table).

If people were to switch as they did at Chesterfield, the Conservatives would not get a single seat. Of course, what happened there will not be repeated, yet this weird statistic shows how capriciously the electoral system can operate. Tactical voting, however, is likely to be limited in these large, amorphous new constituencies with a little-known political complexion and largely unfamiliar candidates.

If, through Labour abstention, the Conservatives hold on to their present representation or even add to it, it will hardly help our relations with Europe. On the Continent there is resentment at Britain's refusal to conform to their electoral customs. We are the only nation out of the Ten to eschew proportional representation. The political balance of the European Parliament is substantially affected by the fact that the Conservatives, with only 50 per cent of the votes in 1979, won three quarters of the British seats. The right's majority at Strasbourg over the last five years would have been 40 less had Britain used the German or the Dutch voting system.

If everyone votes next June as they did in the general election, the Conservatives would get 58 seats (only two less than in 1979) and Labour 19 (two more); while Russell Johnston for the Liberals would win back Highlands and Islands from Winnie Ewing (SNP). If the Labour vote were to slump, there are nine Labour seats where the Conservatives are within 10 per cent of victory (i.e. which a 5 per cent switch of votes would win).

These are, with the percentage Labour majority over Conservative in brackets: **Greater Manchester, W** (3.2), **Merseyside, W** (3.7), **Wales, S** (4.2), **Lothians** (4.3), **Wales, W** (5.5), **Greater Manchester, Central** (5.9), **Scotland, Mid and Fife** (6.1), **London South Inner** (6.1), **Strathclyde W** (6.4).

If Labour were to advance, as current polls suggest it may, there are 12 seats where it is within 10 per cent of victory. These, with Conservative majority over Labour in brackets, are: **Birmingham, E** (0.3), **Northumbria** (0.7), **Lancashire, E** (3.0), **Birmingham, W** (3.6), **Scotland, S** (3.6), **Midlands, W** (3.7), **Leeds** (5.7), **Greater Manchester E** (6.7), **Yorkshire, W** (6.7), **Staffordshire, E** (7.1), **Derbyshire** (7.1), **London Central** (8.4).

The Alliance will have a hard task to win any seats. On the 1983 figures it was first by 3 per cent in the Highlands. It stands second in 32 seats but virtually all are Tory strongholds – Cornwall, with a 9.6 per cent deficit, alone offers a statistical hope. However, there were six other marginals where the Alliance is a strong third.

These, with the leading party and percentage majority over Alliance in brackets, are: **Northumbria** (Con, 5.6), **Lothians** (Lab, 7.6), **Scotland S.** (Con, 8.1), **Strathclyde W** (Lab, 9.1), **Leeds** (Con, 9.5), **Merseyside W** (Lab, 9.5).

If in any of these (or indeed in the 22 more where they are between 10 and 20 per cent behind), the Alliance can persuade the electorate that it is they who are the challengers, tactical voting offers them a breakthrough.

No one at party headquarters knows quite what to expect. But both Conservatives and Labour have seized control of affairs from the sometimes resentful MEPs. The apparatchiks believe that the election will be seen as a party battle, a plebiscite about British domestic politics and not a sophisticated judgment on all the fine-gauge Euro-issues over which the MEPs have been slaving for the last five years.

Although Sir Henry Plumb will be given due prominence, it is inevitable that Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe will be seen as *dominating* the Conservative campaign; Neil Kinnock and Roy Hattersley will be more visible than Barbara Castle, let alone any of her 15 Labour colleagues.

The nature of the battle is uncertain in two ways. First, no one is clear how much the public will stand. The election formally starts on May 3, but five weeks of campaigning, with daily press conferences, leaders' tours and nightly broadcasts on the general election model would be too much of a good thing. Each party, indeed, is to be allocated only one official broadcast but news and feature coverage will intensify if interest grows.

There is one other uncertainty. If the budgetary situation had been settled at the Brussels summit last month, the European issue would not have loomed very large in the campaign, even though the Conservatives would have teased Labour with its semi-abandoned commitment to withdrawal. But now, while Britain is at odds with the others of the nine, the anti-European card is in the Conservative hands. At a time of crisis, when Mrs Thatcher is "standing up for Britain", neither Labour anti-marketeering nor Alliance pro-marketeering will seem particularly in order. An election is a bad background for successful negotiations. But negotiations may be a good background for a successful election.

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June 14: which way will we jump?

	Con	Lab	Alln	SNP	Northern Ireland
1979 result	60	17	–	1	3
If everyone votes as in 1983	58	19	1	–	3
If everyone swings as at Chesterfield	–	14	64	–	3
If everyone votes in line with the latest MORI poll	48	30	–	–	3
If there is a 10% swing to Labour since 1983	33	44	1	–	3
If there is a 5% swing to Conservatives since 1983	68	10	–	–	3

Now a three-way battle for the fleets



Enter the challenger: BL's tailor-made Montego

General Motors and Ford, the world's biggest car manufacturers, are locked in a bitter struggle for the most prized possession in the motor trade, the British fleet and company car market. In no other country are two out of three cars sold to people who do not drive them. Their total value is put at between £7,000m and £8,000m a year.

The most attractive and, in normal times, most profitable sector of the fleet business is the medium or family saloon, generally reckoned to account for one in four of all cars sold here. Until last year it had been dominated for nearly 20 years by Ford's Cortina.

It was never an outstanding car which made drivers rave over its performance for styling, but was nevertheless seen as a "big car" – and that made it the company rep's dream. It was a question of size not so much to carry his samples but to massage his ego.

The Cortina did that so successfully that by the autumn of 1982 when it went out of production more than 4¼ million had been sold. The Cortina became a legend in its time and Ford's fortunes in Britain were secure. It bestrode the car market like the cocksure winner it was, achieving more than 30 per cent penetration – 10 per cent more than BL, its nearest rival.

But behind the scenes at Ford's Warley headquarters nerve ends were beginning to twang. Nothing drops down the charts faster than a car that has overstayed its welcome. The early warning signs were there for Cortina. Ford had a shiny new model ready to replace it but king-making is a tricky business. Cortina had broken every sales record in the book and in the words of one of Ford's Detroit bosses: "It will be one son of a bitch to follow."

In September, 1982 the Sierra was unveiled to the delight of the motoring press but coos of suprise from the public. The smooth contours of its jelly-mould outline were certainly eye-catching but not everyone liked it.

"Of course," said the Ford men, "it is so different from anything on the market that people will need time to adjust."

But as days turned into weeks the queues at dealers' showrooms did not materialize. So Ford resorted to an old but expensive ploy: offering substantial discounts to its dealers to enable them to sell the Sierra at cut prices – a not unheard of practice in the cut-throat conditions of the past two years but never for a new model.

And all the time the key fleet buyers, men disposing of millions of pounds worth of orders annually, were dragging their feet. The fleet men's big worry was the effect of heavy discounting on the prices they would get when they disposed of their Sierras two years later.

The solution for many was to turn to Vauxhall's Cavalier, launched a year earlier and making a name for itself with a new high-performance but still economical engine in a modern front-wheel-drive layout. In contrast Ford stuck to Cortina's old front engine and rear-wheel-drive concept for the Sierra, insisting it was the proven layout for easy maintenance.

The industry shook its head and whispered that Ford Europe was short of the funds needed to develop a front-wheel-drive job with a new engine because it was having to support its hard-pressed US parent.

Ford was not going to loosen its grip on such a lucrative market easily. It hit back with fleet discounts of around £600 for every Sierra bought and threw in a lot of "demonstrator" models.

Vauxhall had been waiting too long to get its feet under the fleet table so it, too, offered discounts of hundreds of pounds a car. And it has been that way ever since with first one side upping the ante and then the other.

No official figures are available for market shares in the fleet business. But sources suggest that Ford had 50 per cent until two years ago, now down to about 40 per cent, compared with Vauxhall's fast increasing 20 per cent.

One big fleet executive said: "It's a bloody battlefield with nobody taking any prisoners. They've thrown away the rule book on business etiquette. Some of the salesmen who come here are nervous wrecks. They say the pressure is so great to get sales they have no alternative but to get down in the mud with the competition."

Soon another contender will be knocking on their doors. On April 25 Austin Rover unveils its long awaited medium saloon, the Montego. It will be the state-owned company's first specifically designed fleet and company model for nearly 20 years. Fleet buyers were consulted from the drawing board to its final commissioning. They were also among the first to be flown to the south of France to test drive it last month.

Austin Rover has already fired the first shots by reinforcing its fleet sales department with staff "pirated" from competitors.

The industry's prolific grapevine has it that the first casualty has already bitten the dust. Ed Blanch, 58-year-old chairman of Ford Europe, surprised everyone last week by announcing his retirement after less than two years in the job.

Clifford Webb

Motoring Correspondent

Ronald Butt

Who thinks for the church?

Church and state never have and never can function in total separation from each other. Since the beginning of Christendom rulers have looked to Christianity for moral authority and basic principles in their law making and the church has upheld the power of the state, often involving itself in political actions.

Any idea that "Render unto Caesar" could ever imply ecclesiastical indifference to the behaviour of the state is, in the light of history, sheer nonsense. Yet if the state has taken much of its morality from the church, the church has also often tolerated and tacitly approved many actions by the state which we would think unChristian. What Christian cleric spoke out in principle or preached against the fearful torments once inflicted on heretics and traitors? Or why were the churches so late in preaching against slavery imported from Africa to America and the Caribbean? The reason can only be that the church has found it hard to rise much above the thinking and habits of the age, taking part of its morality from secular society. *That* is still its problem.

But today this does not take the form of obedience to government but consists rather in an acceptance of the political moraliy of those who have been the dominant opinion-formers in a now largely non-Christian society. They concentrate more and more on projecting Christianity as a social gospel, perhaps in compensation for the difficulty they have in conveying the amorphous theology of today to their rank-and-file convincingly. This, however, leads them into fields so specialized and technical as to be often beyond their professional competence.

The result is that the churches become mouth-pieces of committees whose members, in one way or another, do claim such expertise, and who draft reports to which episcopal and other forewords seem to give some kind of authority. This would not matter if these reports were aids to understanding, setting out a social problem to which it was plainly right for Christians to address their minds, and giving a reasonably balanced account of ways of approaching it. But that is not what happens. The committees tend to be politically oriented left-of-centre and are overwhelmingly governed by the prevailing intellectual winds which, until recently, have been those called "progressive" though the winds could be changing.

When bishops pronounce on unemployment, or on the management of the economy, their approach is almost always opposed to the economic policies of the present government. When church committees speak on what they like to call "racism" it is to describe this as something like the ultimate evil, which is to be pinned wholly on white society or the police. When they speak about social welfare, it is to assume that the well-being of most people, as well as the poor, must involve their dependence on services run by the state and paid for by general taxation. Anything outside this intellectual complex is a no-go area.

It is too this state of affairs that a collection of essays published today under the title *The Kindness that Kills* is addressed.* It is written by Christian economists, sociologists and clerics who analyse about 24 "church" publications on social questions and find them (in the words of Dr Digby Anderson and Lord Harris of High Cross in their introduction) to be "ignorant, one-sided and addicted to secular fashion."

What matters most, perhaps, is the technical ignorance and political prejudice which vitiates so much of the approved social gospel, and it is in exposing these that this book is most valuable. A Christian should be concerned with unemployment but is wrong to assume that part of his religion's revelations is that the Keynesian school have the certain answer to it. Likewise, racial friendliness is more harmed than helped by the provocative and inaccurate analyses of "racism" which have been a staple of so many "Christian" pronouncements.

Two essays in the book destroy the bogus statistical arguments and selective reasoning often used to bedevil this subject. Other essays defend capitalism from the charge that, by its competitiveness, it is non-Christian, and assail the belief that there is a higher wisdom and benificence in governments and small groups of intelligent people which equips them to organize the welfare of the majority. The result of politicized welfare is rather to induce dependence and helplessness when it is so pervasive.

Yet reading somé of the essays I was nagged by doubt on one point. Lord Harris describes the "true glory of the market place" as the ability of the free society (including bishops) to do otherwise than exact the maximum return for their services; in other words, to give. That is right. Yet I sometimes felt I discerned the platonic idea that if only a pure market economy existed we should have a system of perfect social justice. I do not think we should, since all systems are fallible.

A largely free market economy with the community looking after those who cannot ensure their own basic well-being is as good a social environment for Christianity as any humanity has experienced. But between the lines of some of these essays, it is almost as though the chief value of Christianity is seen as its capacity to give moral authority to the Absolute of the market. That cannot be the right way round; it is probably not even what they really think. But in rightly censuring the clerical fashion which has so superficially equated Christianity with the clichés of socialism, they ought to be very careful not to seem to fall into a corresponding heresy on their side of the political divide.

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Paul Jennings

Chocolates, ices, doorsteps . . .

We seem to be approaching a time when there are more drama award ceremonies, with much solemn opening of stiff crackling envelopes, than there is actual drama, either on television or in the live theatre. The fact that television itself, when it is not showing such awards, is showing more and more highlights of tomorrow's television and less and less real material tonight, seems to be part of the same trend, in which critics lead securer lives than writers, commentators than footballers, miners' (or any other union) leaders than miners (or any other workers). Sidelines, not front lines.

Pessimists might see this as some sort of decline into post-imperial, *Alexandrian or Byzantine anaemia*; in Robert Graves's words, "The thundering text, the snivelling commentary." But to do this would be to overlook another fact which would be obvious to a visitor from another culture. The awards are becoming a vibrant and living art-form in themselves.

One way of proving this is to look at the vocabulary available for this new aspect of our theatre. You often read, in great big fat, respectfully reviewed books about Our Time and Where It's At (i.e. America), how the thin stream of classical English is being constantly revitalized by rich additions of New York Jewish, Irish, West Indian, Indian and countless other idioms. There is renewal from the constant inventions of sub-cultures, such as Citizens' (basically, *truck-driving* Citizens') Radio; who would not prefer, for instance, "motion lotion" to mere petrol?

There is absolutely no reason, at least in the British theatre awards field, to envy an American in-group vocabulary so rich that *Variety* magazine recently felt compelled to print a glossary for its provincial readers: *ozoner*, an open-air cinema, because of that rare constituent of the atmosphere (as opposed to *hardtop*, obviously a cinema with a roof); *chopsocky*, a martial-arts film, *oater*, a western (from the horses' diet) . . . .

Consider, for instance

- **Barjumper.** A play that began in a pub, e.g. the King's Head, and subsequently transferred to the West End. (See also *Pubberoo.*)
- **Cambum.** Any person who comes to the award ceremony and occupies a seat without actually receiving anything himself or herself. Usually a relation or dependant of some recipient.
- **Doorstep.** The physical award itself, generally a hideous structure some nine inches high, made of some heavy metal.
- **Fanchair.** The short, interrupted quasi-fanfare by an invisible orchestra which is played as the recipient rises among the "audience" and walks up to the stage. "Chair" is thought to be a reference to the musical-chairs way the music stops so abruptly.
- **Flapperoo.** Revival of a Twenties or Thirties musical.
- **Glaze.** The fixed smile worn by the winners of third and second nominations as they stand on the stage after their envelopes have been opened, waiting for the winner to be announced.
- **Jalopus.** Any extended TV serial noted for the accuracy of its research into the early years of this century with *hobble skirts, cloche hats*, landaulettes, Edwardian croquet parties, etc, and of course vintage cars and jalopies.
- **Mamadram.** Any play with an all-female cast, written by a woman, about the problem of being a woman.
- **Missex.** The anonymous starlet in a white (or sometimes black) sheath dress who sometimes brings on the envelopes (but see *Postman* and *Speakerine*).
- **Postman.** The actor, otherwise quite unconnected with the proceedings, who brings in the envelope containing the winners' names and, after a brief conversation with the other actor who is to open it and make the award (unless this is to be done by a princess), hands it over.
- **Prewarder.** Another term for Flapperoo, q.v.
- **Pubberoo.** Another term for barjumper, q.v.
- **Rockbuster.** Any work by Andrew Lloyd Webber.
- **Satcat.** The English actor who has made it on Broadway and whose message, relayed by satellite, is shown on a large screen, as he regrets he is unable to be with them all tonight on this great occasion, etc.
- **Scorer.** An award winning composer.
- **Sirble.** The rambling speech made by a theatre knight for some supernumerary award announced after the official ones are over. Orig. Sirblurb.
- **Speakerine.** Not (as in France) a radio or TV announcer, but a *Missex (q.v.) who gets to say* a few words, such as announcing who is to make the next announcement.
- **Sympo.** An award-winning play in which the sympathies of the audience are engaged from the outset by having the chief character suffering from some major disability such as blindness, elephant skin, paraplegia etc.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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OFF TARGET

The decisions made by today's meeting of the national executive of the miners' union will be of crucial import for the future of the union and perhaps of the coal industry itself. If the internal wounds inflicted by a dispute pursued in contempt of the interests and the wishes of most members are not healed, the union may begin to disintegrate. Only a ballot of the entire membership, not the second-hand verdict of a delegate conference, can conclusively determine what the union wants. Nothing else can resolve the conflicts between miner and miner in the regions which have voted to continue working.

There is always a temptation for the organizers of a strike like this, rendered partially ineffective by the failure to carry large numbers of members along, to hope that events will produce an issue that welds the union into a united fighting force. A vote for a delegate conference today would in effect be a vote to go on waiting for something to turn up. In the meantime conflicts on the picket-lines (and behind the lines, in the reported victimization of individuals through their homes and property) make deeper division seem a far more probable prospect than unity.

The principal something that the union leaders have been hoping would turn up – once it became apparent that flying pickets were not going to secure a quick victory this time – has been for the police to use such rough tactics that other miners, and the wider Labour movement, would begin to see the dispute in the same apocalyptic terms of constitutional confrontation as Mr Scargill professes to. This motive weighed at least as much as genuine concern in the pressure for a Commons debate on police tactics.

Tuesday's debate only showed how overblown the issue had become. Considering the sensitivity and very large scale of the operation, the alleged affronts to civil liberty catalogued by Mr Gerald Kaufman and his colleagues amounted to rather little. Parliament is not the forum for the detailed presentation and examination of evidence of individual cases, and in the confusion of a near-riot facts may not be easy to establish in any case. But the Kaufman dossier seems unlikely to create a very heavy run on the courts and the Police Complaints Board – where all serious allegations should be taken for close testing. Even in such notorious cases as the Dartford Tunnel affair (which has significantly not been repeated) there is an important conflict of evidence.

It is clear that the police have been using tactics different at least in degree from those employed before in similar situations – rightly so, since the tactics of earlier years often failed to safeguard rights of individuals to go their way unmolested by picketing that made more use of muscle than argument. The police have evidently made wide use of their rights (rather uncertainly circumscribed) to act in anticipation of criminal disorders. Some miners' accounts of police questioning, if true, indicate that the concepts of disorder and political dissent may have become blurred in some officers' minds. The use of plain-clothes police, legitimate if strictly controlled, created an obvious risk of charges of provocation. In the urgent task of coping with large and mobile groups of men clearly prepared to use force to prevent their fellow-unionists going to work, it would be surprising if some policemen had not made some errors of judgment.

All such errors deserve full investigation. Since a gross misjudgment would play into the hands of the propagandists, the police have every reason to avoid them. But the task of protecting citizens from intimidation is of the highest importance. The police are fully justified in pursuing it with vigour, and those who seek to obstruct it by exaggerating the evidence of error are endangering social order for the sake of political advantage. It has always been a hard left objective to undermine society's confidence in the police.

A Commons debate, however unpromising, usually helps to clarify the essential issues. Mr Kaufman handsomely conceded on Tuesday that workers had a right to police protection against forcible attempts to stop them going to work, and even referred to local gratitude to the police in Nottinghamshire. Pressed by Mr Brittan with the obvious question whether a picket of several thousand could be anything but intimidatory, he said that that was a matter for the courts (so it is, but the police have to act here and now), and fell back on commiserating with the police for the "intolerable dilemma" they had been put in because employers had failed to use the civil powers against secondary picketing given them in 1980. But the 1980 Act was designed not to replace the criminal law but to supplement it: bullying at the factory gate, and the threat of bullying, are matters for the criminal law, as they always have been.

Such diversions marked the Opposition's attack whenever it broadened out from individual instances. A debate on such a narrowly-selected issue was bound to create a diversionary impression in relation to an event with such wide political and economic implications. Both front benches have been reluctant to throw the wider implications before the House in a major debate. With the 1974 "Plan for Coal" and its closure proposals behind it, and dissension on the back benches about respect for "anti-union" laws, Labour would be on weak ground in such a debate. But the Commons should have something to say about a dispute of this importance: time should be found for a full-dress debate as soon as possible after Easter.

LIBERATION CITY

The pace of change in the City of London, the cascade of new financial links leading to new financial services, is now so frenetic as to bemuse observers beyond the hitherto arcane world of money markets, dealers and middlemen. But even by recent standards, two announcements yesterday stand out as pointers to the future.

The planned merger of Mr Jacob Rothschild's rapidly assembled banking, broking and dealing empire with the life assurance group built up by Mr Mark Weinberg brings together two of the most respected financial entrepreneurs in Britain. It would create, from small beginnings, a financial conglomerate valued at more than the Midland Bank and on a scale to compete with American and Japanese firms once seen as juggernauts about to engulf the traditionally fragmented British financial service industry.

Quite different, though with equally far-reaching potential, is a new system announced by a leading stockbroker that will allow its private clients to order stocks and shares by pressing buttons on a Prestel machine linked to their fireside television. Once Stock Exchange rules permit, there seems little doubt that deals, and even payment, might be effected electronically.

Most of the big high street banks have forged links with stockbrokers and or stockjobbers within the past few weeks. In another part of the forest, a leading building society manager has forecast that removing restrictions from the societies' activities will lead to a shrinkage in their numbers from 200 to ten within a decade.

Three factors lie behind all these changes: competition, enhanced by the lessening of tax discrimination; the breaking up of artificial restrictive practices, most notably through the reforms agreed by the Stock Exchange and the Government last summer; and the exponential spread of electronic communication, which has contributed to spectacular growth in worldwide financial markets.

As these barriers break down, the City is trying to catch up a generation within a few years. Although North America and Japan provide some models, their financial service industries face rapid change too and there are as many visions of the future structure of the industry and its services, from the worldwide electronic market to the high street outlet, as there are would-be participants.

In this heady atmosphere of excitement and experiment, there will certainly be mistakes and mismatches, possibly failures and scandals. But it would be quite wrong for doubters to compare what is happening now with the spate of random takeovers, speculation and overtrading that led to near disaster in the early seventies.

Today, financial professionals are trying to create new industrial structures, geared to the new needs of companies and individual investors and to the new techniques. They are not simply manipulating money. Those who merely use the services should now try to understand the import of these changes. The concept of financial services as mere profitable adjuncts to the real economy, hedged about with restrictions, to serve and protect industry and investors, should give way to the recognition that British financial services make up an industry in their own right, a fast-growing industry vital to employment and the trade balance and one which is currently showing more than any other the liberating effect of demolishing barriers to free competition.

WITH A WAR ON HIS MIND

The state visit of the Amir of Bahrain to this country is not likely to arouse either the same controversy or the same anxiety as did the Queen's state visit to Jordan. Actually there is no reason to suppose that the Queen was any less safe in Jordan than the Amir is here: he is certainly as much a potential target for terrorists as she is, and one cannot unfortunately claim that London has been an especially safe city for Arab visitors in recent years. But at least one can still say that a guest coming here from the Persian Gulf (or the Arabian Gulf, as the Amir would no doubt prefer us to call it) is coming to a relatively less dangerous part of the world than the one he leaves behind.

As to controversy, while Bahrain is an Arab state and theoretically a party to the conflict with Israel, it has never been involved in any actual fighting, nor has it advocated an intransigent or extremist Arab approach. In his speech at Number Ten yesterday the Amir did refer to the "continuing conflict between Palestinian and Israeli", from which he alleged, somewhat implausibly, that "all other such events" in the region had stemmed.

He made no public reference, unlike Mrs Thatcher, to another conflict which surely concerns him more directly, and which can hardly be said to stem from the Palestinian problem: the war between Iraq and Iran. It is understood, however, that much of their private discussion earlier had been concerned with it.

Bahrain has every reason to feel threatened by Iran. The late Shah of that country actually claimed the island as Iranian territory, and was only with difficulty persuaded to recognize its independence in 1971. After the revolution in Iran some nationalist clerics attempted to revive the claim. They were not supported by Ayatollah Khomeini, whose expansionism is of a religious-ideological rather than a national-irredentist variety. But Bahrain is hardly less vulnerable on those grounds. In common with other Muslim monarchs, the Amir stands accused by the Ayatollah's propaganda of the same crimes as the late Shah himself: corruption, despotism, over-complaisance towards Western powers (such as Britain) which are depicted as despoilers of the Muslim world.

Moreover, the Amir is a follower of Sunni Islam and belongs to a dynasty originating on the mainland of Arabia, while the indigenous majority on the island – whose situation could be roughly compared to that of the native English a hundred years or so after the Norman conquest – belong, like Ayatollah Khomeini, to the Shia.

Finally, Bahrain would clearly be very vulnerable in the event of any extension of hostilities to the lower Gulf. It is for that reason that she has joined with the five Arab monarchies of the south-western shore in the Gulf Co-operation Council

Understandably in all these circumstances, the Amir has joined his voice to those (including France and the United States) urging Britain to be more restrictive in its export policy towards Iran. Indeed, the official British line that we supply only "non-lethal" materials to both belligerents sounds increasingly hypocritical. If one supplies spare parts for weapons, the parts may not be lethal but they enable a lethal weapon to work. Nor can we hide behind a doctrine of honouring contracts: those contracts were signed with a different regime in very different circumstances, and contracts did not stop us from refusing spare parts to Israel in 1973, even though it was not Israel that had initiated hostilities on that occasion.

It has been revealed that a pesticide we were exporting to Iraq can be, and probably has been, used as a raw material for the manufacture of chemical weapons. Clearly, if we are sincere about wishing to limit the horror of this war and to bring it as soon as possible to an end, we need to be much more careful about the possible uses of any material we export to either belligerent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pits and police – a better way

From Mr J. R. J. Palmer

Sir, May I express my surprise at the naive manner in which each side has handled the dispute between the Kent miners and the police who turned them back at the Kent border.

As for the miners' side, a token miner could, and in my view should, have said: "Officer, I am going about my lawful business. Your privilege is either to charge me or not to do so. If you do not charge me I shall now continue with my journey."

This would either have solved the problem on the spot, or it would have brought the matter before the correct forum, which is the criminal court. It would have raised the fundamental issue as to whether the sanctions open to the police are limited to prosecution, trial and sentence on conviction, or whether physical restraint is an option open to them, bearing in mind that the actions of the miners were not overtly illegal at that stage to the extent that they justified prosecution.

The court would then have been called upon to exercise one of its principal functions, the establishment of the dividing line between the right of an individual to do something and the power of the state to stop him.

The police have acted with similar lack of foresight, in that they could have waited until the Kent miners reached, say, the borders of Nottinghamshire, when the intentions of the men of Kent would have been far more difficult for them to refute and the evidence of them acting in concert would have assisted in establishing conspiracy to commit a criminal act.

The police would have thus avoided the present nagging fear that one's travel arrangements are ultimately subject to the good will of the chief constable, that the police are on a political foray to see how far they can push their powers without arousing an unacceptable level of public spite, and the widespread belief that the police are using the present unhappy situation to practise large-scale crowd and population movement control with live targets.

An Englishman surely has the right to do whatever he wants provided that there is no law to stop him. I do not think that this right should be subject to the present doubts.

To have fought out this issue in the courts would have had the additional advantage that it would have underlined the ability of the English case law system to deal immediately and flexibly with new situations. The present state of affairs stresses its weakness in that it cannot pronounce on such matters unless called on by the parties to do so.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. J. PALMER,
32 Royce Road,
Alwalton,
Peterborough,
Cambridgeshire.
April 10.

VAT on building

From the Bishop of London and the First Estates Commissioner

Sir, We write to associate ourselves, from the point of view of the churches, with Lord Montagu of Beaulieu's letter to you (April 6) about the imposition of VAT on building alterations and extensions.

The churches have in their care thousands of buildings, a great number of them important to the national heritage, the burden of maintenance of which falls mainly on the generosity of committed individuals. The proposed change in the VAT regime will cost the churches several million pounds a year.

It is not easy for voluntary bodies to raise the substantial sums already required to maintain, repair and as necessary extend, the buildings entrusted to them and they have many other calls on their resources. This impost will make the task even harder, and the work of the churches is bound to suffer.

In the interests both of the churches' work and of the national heritage we urge the Government to reconsider this matter.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM LONDIN: (Chairman, Churches Main Committee),
DOUGLAS LOVELOCK (First Church Estates Commissioner).
The Churches Main Committee,
Fielden House,
Little College Street,
Westminster, SW1.
April 6.

Soviet symbolism

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, Your Moscow Correspondent, Richard Owen, says ("Letter from Moscow", March 30) the hard-currency *Beriozka* shops have "an odd choice of name", meaning literally "little birch tree".

The birch has long been traditionally regarded as almost a national emblem in Russia, much as the oak has in England. The young birch, too, when coming into leaf in spring is also regarded as symbolising the ideal Russian girl, personifying her purity, beauty and grace. Hence the formation of the "Beriozka" song-and-dance ensemble in 1948.

The Russians therefore like to feel that their *Beriozka* shops offer the best of things Russian, or the best of Russian services, to visiting foreigners!

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
173 The Causeway,
Petersfield,
Hampshire,
March 30.

Worrying US aims in Central America

From Dr Robert McGeehan

Sir, What an unfortunate coincidence that your timely leader (April 10) rejecting the moral equivalence of the superpowers appeared on the *same* day that the front page of *The Times* reported the advance refusal of the United States to accept the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in any case involving Central America.

The widespread public impression that the policies of the Reagan Administration constitute a danger to international peace is not solely attributable to the effects of a bad press. While in part the product of biased and irresponsible media coverage, the Administration's reputation is also related to its preoccupation with the global challenge of Soviet imperialism – and its willingness to take strong measures against countries thought to be Russian proxies.

The task of providing relevant facts to explain American policies is being met by the United States Information Service and by forthright refutations of the moral equivalence thesis such as Ambassador Kirkpatrick's recent address at Chatham House. But only the American Government can restrain the rhetorical excesses which have been so counterproductive and only the President and his advisers can veto such ill-conceived suggestions as result in today's headline that Washington is taking a holiday from the unwelcome restraints of international law.

With proclamations like this, it is not mysterious why there should have developed the profound British distrust of American foreign policy which is currently of such acute concern to all supporters of the Atlantic Alliance.

Responsible critics of the United States have a duty to avoid superficial and inaccurate conclusions equating East and West, but "our" superpower might be better advised to conduct its security policies in less embarrassing ways than the advance renunciation of the World Court. The substance is defensible; it is the style that hurts.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT McGEEHAN,
University of Southern California,
School of International Relations
(United Kingdom Program),
9 St James's Square, SW1.
April 10.

From the Chairman of the Nicaragua Emergency Committee and others

Sir, We formed the Nicaragua Emergency Committee in January to show our concern for Nicaragua and to appeal for practical help and understanding for a small nation which is making a serious effort to break with the humiliation and exploitation of a 45-year dictatorship.

Though beset by difficulties, the Nicaraguans have made important advances in health and education, as even Dr Kissinger's commission has recognized. We were encouraged by the amnesty measures for political opponents which were announced by the Sandinista government in December last year and we applaud their intention to hold elections in November.

We condemn the continuing attacks against Nicaragua made by groups of counter-revolutionaries – the so-called "contras" – operating freely from the territory of neighbouring countries and we deplore the Reagan Administration's policy of giving them arms, money and training as a way of "containing" the Sandinista revolution.

In 1983 the "contras" killed 994 people in Nicaragua, many of them civilians. They have now mined Nicaragua's ports in an attempt to halt the export of the coffee which provides a lifeline in foreign exchange. These attempts at destabilization have polarised Nicaraguan society, but they have not succeeded in forcing the government to abandon its commitment to reconciliation and more open political debate.

Neither the "contras" nor the Reagan Administration have anything positive to offer the Nicaraguans in terms of the "political pluralism, freedom of expression, the maintenance of an independent system of justice and the right of the people to choose their destiny in free elections without repression, coercion or foreign manipulation" which the Kissinger commission describes as essential to the "vitality of the inter-American system".

We welcome the decision of the British Government to reopen a diplomatic mission in Nicaragua. We hope that the contact that this will bring with the realities of everyday life in Nicaragua will prompt a reassessment of British policy towards Nicaragua and Central America as a whole, placing more emphasis on development, human rights and peace than on the obsessions of superpower rivalry.

Yours faithfully,
CHITNIS (Chairman, Nicaragua Emergency Committee),
NEIL KINNOCK,
DAVID STEEL,
MARK WOLFSON,
KENNETH GREET,
†S. BOOTH-CLIBBORN,
SALMAN RUSHDIE,
PAUL OESTREICHER,
STANLEY CLINTON DAVIS,
AVEBURY,
JULIE CHRISTIE,
MILDRED NEVILE,
KENNET,
SIMON PERRY,
Nicaragua Emergency Committee,
9 Poland Street, W1.
March 28.

Police machine guns

From Mr G. H. Whittome

Sir, With all the heat being generated at the moment on the subject of the British police being armed with miniature sub-machine guns, may I inject a crude commercial note and ask why, if it is accepted that the police should have such weapons, a choice has apparently been made of a German weapon, without reference to the only British manufacturer of such weapons?

This firm makes a directly comparable competitor to the German one, also specially shortened for such uses as embassy guarding, at approximately half the price of the one chosen for the police. At no stage, despite selling a great many of our other guns to police units in this country, were we even given a chance to demonstrate our weapon.

The above whinge is not a commercial one: 12 guns does not mean anything to a manufacturer who sells thousands a year; it is simply that I find it rather depressing that even the police should go straight to Germany when there is a better home-grown equivalent.

I quite understand their buying BMW motor cycles since, alas, there is no British competitor. However, guns are one of the few things that we can and do still make better than our German allies.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
G. H. WHITTOME, Chairman,
Sterling Armament Company Limited,
Sterling Works,
Dagenham,
Essex.
April 5.

The Tisdall appeal

From the Provost of King's College, Cambridge

Sir, The Lord Chief Justice is reported as having said, in refusing Miss Sarah Tisdall leave to appeal: "People who believe in obeying the law only when it does not conflict with their interests must be reminded that they become liable to prosecution and punishment in the shape of a prison sentence".

Miss Tisdall's action was prompted not by her *interests* but by her *convictions*. It is an important distinction. Her motives do not alter the fact that she broke the law, nor that she should be penalized for it. It may, however, well affect one's view of what penalty is appropriate.

It was against her sentence that Miss Tisdall was appealing. It seems that the Lord Chief Justice has not understood the issue that was before him.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD WILLIAMS,
The Provost's Lodge,
King's College,
Cambridge.
April 10.

New pay talks principle

From the General Secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers

Sir, I refer to your report (April 6) concerning current salary negotiations for teachers. As you quite rightly state, the refusal of the management side to go to arbitration arises from the rejection by the teachers' side of a demand that they lower their claim to a particular figure.

We have here a completely new principle introduced into negotiations between employer and employee. The local education authorities are demanding the right not only to name the salary they wish to offer, but also the figure for the teachers' claim. If they were allowed to get away with it there would hardly seem any need for the Burnham committee ever to meet again.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAWSON,
General Secretary,
Professional Association of Teachers,
99 Friar Gate,
Derby.

Fears for the O level

From Professor C. B. Cox and others

Sir, The time is fast approaching when Sir Keith Joseph will make a final and irreversible decision on whether the GCE O level and the CSE should be merged into one common examination. We are concerned about the effect this is likely to have on higher education. Many specialist teachers in schools are worried about how far the new examination will satisfy the needs of high-flyers.

In many subjects, particularly mathematics, sciences and languages, high standards at O level are the essential grounding of A-level work. A merging of O level with CSE could mean that sixth-form studies will have to include material now taught at O level. The consequence would be a decline in A-level performance; this would create problems for universities and polytechnics.

A common 16-plus examination might therefore make a four-year degree necessary, if British standards are to be accepted in the EEC and the international academic community; but it seems unlikely that money would be found in the immediate future for such a degree.

It is nothing less than the abolition of the O level that is now contemplated. Those officials, educationists and teachers who are already talking publicly as though a decision in favour of a common examination were a foregone conclusion should know that many academics do not relish this prospect.

Whatever else he may decide, we urge Sir Keith to preserve the one universally respected certificate of intellectual attainment that most people can still hope to achieve.

Yours faithfully,
C. BRIAN COX,
NIGEL ASHFORD,
NORMAN BARRY,
BELOFF,
GRAHAM DAWSON,
H. S. FERNS,
NORMAN GASH,
JULIUS GOULD,
DAVID HEALD,
R. V. JONES,
DAVID LEVY,
J. J. RICHARDSON,
HUGH SETON WATSON,
ALEXANDER H. SHAND,
MICHAEL TURNER,
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Cheadle Hulme,
Stockport,
Cheshire.
March 29.

A green memory of Wellington

From the Duke of Wellington

Sir, This year marks the 170th anniversary of the last battle to take place in the Peninsular War, the so-called "Sortie de Bayonne", and my wife and I have been invited to Bayonne and Biarritz from April 13 to 15 to commemorate the event and celebrate 170 years of Franco-British friendship in that hospitable region.

When the first Duke of Wellington, at the head of an Allied army of British, German, Portuguese and Spanish troops, crossed into southern France in 1813, he invested the citadel of Bayonne, but did not take it. On the night of April 14/15, 1814, the garrison broke out, attacked the besiegers and a fierce engagement took place, with over 800 casualties on each side. Both the French and the Allies fought with great bravery, skill and chivalry.

There is a marble monument to the British and German dead in the former Anglican Church at Biarritz and a monument to the French dead on the hills overlooking Bayonne. There are also two cemeteries in quiet, wooded spots, once their camp sites, where are buried the officers of the Coldstream Guards and the Third (Scots) Guards.

Every year the Souvenir Français organises a ceremony of commemoration at which French and British together remember the dead and celebrate the bravery of their ancestors. Sadly, however, both cemeteries are falling into ruin because of a lack of adequate financial support for their maintenance.

On the initiative of Rear-Admiral C. D. Howard-Johnston a group of local French and British well-wishers have formed the Wellington Memorial Association to raise funds for this purpose. Thanks to an anonymous donation and the help of the French Army the thickets of vegetation have been cut back and fallen and broken tombstones repaired.

It is in support of this important fund-raising effort that the 170th anniversary of the battle will be celebrated with special *éclat* this year by the attendance of a detachment from HMS Jupiter, a visiting British frigate, a Royal Marines band, and the participation of the French Armed Forces and the civic authorities and people of Bayonne and Biarritz.

I beg to remain Sir, your most obedient servant,
WELLINGTON,
Stratfield Saye House,
Reading,
Berkshire.
April 5.

Plea for Rudolf Hess

From Lieutenant-Colonel F. R. Salmon

Sir, I hold no brief for the Nazis, who caused me, like thousands of others, to waste 6½ years of my life. Nevertheless, Hess was the least objectionable of the top echelon of the Nazi Party.

His flight to Britain was, by any standards, an act of outstanding personal courage. He did at least make an effort, however futile, to end the war with the West and he was not in Germany during the worst Nazi excesses.

For this reason, presumably, he was spared the fate of Ribbentrop and others. Instead we and our Allies have kept this now crazed old man – 90 next month – in prison since 1941, latterly in virtual solitary confinement.

The Foreign Office admits officially that the "British Government has for years held the view that Hess should be released immediately on humanitarian grounds". Why, then, is he still in Spandau? Because, we are told, the Russians will not agree to his release and, according to the Foreign Office line, "to release him unilaterally would be to break an international obligation"!

What hypocrisy! In how many instances since Potsdam has Russia breached international obligations? What about the Berlin Wall; the Helsinki Agreement on human rights: what about Cuba, Angola, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Afghanistan?

Churchill wrote in 1950 (*The Second World War*, vol 3, p49)

... I am glad not to be responsible for the way in which Hess has been and is being treated. Whatever may be the moral guilt of a German who stood near to Hitler, Hess had, in my view, atoned for this by his completely devoted and frantic deed of lunatic benevolence. He ... had something of the quality of an envoy. He was a medical and not a criminal case, and should be so regarded.

What would Churchill feel 34 years later?

Yours faithfully,
F. R. SALMON,
Glan Arrow,
Eardisland,
Leominster,
Herefordshire,
April 5.

Nothing to crow about

From Professor H. H. Huxley

Sir, Professor McCarthy (April 7) does well to remind Judge Garfitt and your readers of the amatory provisions for Chauntecleer.

However, if we may believe Colleen McCullough, Australian cocks exhibited more of the stuff of Don Giovanni. "The chook yard was huge, and held four roosters and upwards of forty hens." (*The Thorn Birds*, part 3).

An anonymous Latin poem suggests that even 15 wives would not strain this virile bird's capacity.

Dandae gallo cuique sunt
Quindecim uxores;
Maledictus ille sit,
Qui dat pauciores!

Yours sincerely,
H. H. HUXLEY,
12 Derwent Close,
Cambridge.
April 7.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 11: The Amir of the State of Bahrain with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Madame Tussaud's Exhibition at Windsor and Eton Central Railway Station.

His Highness, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer) and the chairman, Madame Tussaud's Ltd (the Lord Blakenham).

The Amir of the State of Bahrain visited 10 Downing Street and had talks with the Prime Minister and Government Ministers and afterwards was entertained at luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

This afternoon The Amir of the State of Bahrain drove to Westminster Abbey where His Highness laid a Wreath on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

Afterwards The Amir of the State of Bahrain drove to St James's Palace where His Highness received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors in London.

The Amir of the State of Bahrain was entertained at a Banquet by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present.

Before the Banquet a Court of Common Council was held and The Amir of the State of Bahrain received an Address of Welcome.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm today.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Lord Denham (Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms), the Right Hon Nicholas Edwards, MP (Secretary of State for Wales), the Right Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP (Secretary of State for Transport) and the Right Hon Peter Rees, MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury).

Sir Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this evening at Windsor Castle attended a meeting of The Prince Philip Trust Fund Trustees.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Patron of the Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom, was present this evening at a Reception held to mark the Meeting of the Workgroup of European Nurse Researchers at the Banqueting Hall, Whitehall.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 11: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Racal-Comsec Limited at Salisbury, Wiltshire and Membrain Limited at Wimborne, Dorset.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

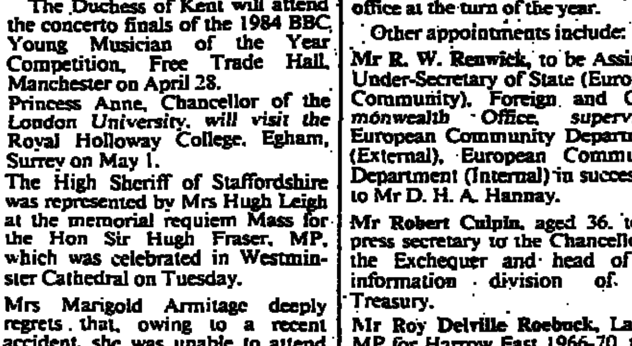
The Duchess of Kent will attend the concerto finals of the 1984 BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, Free Trade Hall, Manchester on April 28.

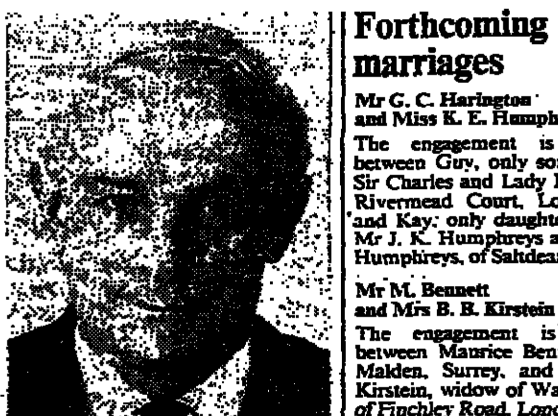
Princess Anne, Chancellor of the London University, will visit the Royal Holloway College, Egham, Surrey on May 1.

The High Sheriff of Staffordshire was represented by Mrs Hugh Leigh at the memorial requiem Mass for the Hon Sir Hugh Fraser, MP, which was celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday.

Mrs Marigold Armitage deeply regrets that, owing to a recent accident, she was unable to attend the funeral of her father, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Arthur Harris.

A memorial service for Mr R. W. Sturge will be held at St Michael's, Cornhill, at noon on Tuesday, May 1.





Latest appointments

Admiral Sir William Pillar (above), aged 60, to be Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey in succession to General Sir Peter Whiteley. He will take up office at the turn of the year.

Other appointments include:

Mr R. W. Renwick, to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State (European Community), Foreign and Commonwealth Office, supervising European Community Department (External), European Community Department (Internal) in succession to Mr D. H. A. Hannay.

Mr Robert Culpin, aged 36, to be press secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and head of the information division of the Treasury.

Mr Roy Delville Roebuck, Labour MP for Harrow East 1966-70, to be a member of the Moorfields Eye Hospital Special Health Authority until 1988.

Legal

Mr James William Rant, QC, to be a Circuit Judge the South-Eastern Circuit.

Mr Robert Lockley Turner, aged 48, to be a Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division, from today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. C. Harington and Miss K. E. Humphreys
The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of General Sir Charles and Lady Harington, of Rivermead Court, London, SW6, and Kay, only daughter of the late Mr J. K. Humphreys and of Mrs E. Humphreys, of Saltdean, Sussex.

Mr M. Bennett and Mrs B. B. Kirstein
The engagement is announced between Maurice Bennett, of New Malden, Surrey, and Mrs Bertha Kirstein, widow of Walter Kirstein, of Finchley Road, London, NW11.

Captain P. W. Burnet and Miss A. J. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Peter Burnet, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), elder son of Mr and Mrs G. W. Burnet, of Invereak, Midlothian, and Andrea, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. S. Thomas, of Peterston-Super-Ely, South Glamorgan.

Mr N. H. Carson and Miss M. C. Ryan
The engagement is announced of Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Carson, of Drumbain, Dunure, Ayrshire, to Marita, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Ryan, of Drogheda, co Louth, Republic of Ireland.

Mr C. A. Caruana and Miss D. D. Piercy
The marriage will take place on April 21 of Charles, son of Mr and Mrs C. L. Caruana, of London, and Donna, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Piercy, of Wallington, Surrey.

Mr N. O. Arbuthnott and Miss V. J. Mather
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Mr Hugh Arbuthnott and Mrs Arbuthnott, of The Wood House, Winterfold, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Mather, of The Ghyll, Kendal, Cumbria.

Mr A. R. W. Martin and Miss A. G. Bawtree
The engagement is announced between Antony Raymond William, only son of Mr Raymond Martin and the late Mrs Florence Martin, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Angela Grace, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bawtree, of Blagdon, near Bristol.

Mr O. J. Winkler von Sternheim and Miss S. E. J. Lidgate
The engagement is announced between Olof, eldest son of Dr Joachim Winkler, of Zurich, and the late Mrs Winkler, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Lidgate, of Temple Balsall, Warwickshire.

Marriages

Colonel Sir Frederick Pile and Mrs V. J. A. Culverwell
The marriage took place quietly in Dallington, Sussex, on April 7, between Colonel Sir Frederick Pile and Mrs Josephine Culverwell.

Mr J. E. Tuckwell and Miss J. C. Lake
The marriage took place on Saturday April 7, in Brighton, between Mr Jeremy Edward Tuckwell and Miss Jeannie Challenor Lake. A family luncheon party was held at Corins, Selmeston, Sussex, afterwards.

Memorial service

Professor Sir Hedley Atkins
A memorial service for Professor Sir Hedley Atkins was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev R. C. Hubble officiated, assisted by the Rev I. Leakey, Vicar of Cudham and Downe, Kent. Mr David Atkins and Dr Christopher Atkins, sons, read the lessons. Professor Ian McColl gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Atkins (widow), Sir Henry and Lady Jones and Lord and Lady Walpole (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs G Benyon Hoare (sister-in-law), Mr John Jones, Mr Richard Jones, Miss Bridget Jones, Mr and Mrs Henry McDougall, Mr and Mrs Anthony Jones, the Hon Robin and Mrs Walpole, Lord and Lady Cunliffe, the Hon Rachel Cunliffe, Mr and Mrs Gerard Hoare, Miss Rosemary Hoare, Mrs M Bidwell, Mr Timothy Bidwell, Mr and Mrs A Hobbs, Miss A Hobbs, Miss Audrey Marsden, Mrs Wendy Thomas, Mrs Peter Morgan, Colonel and Mrs G L Robertson, Mrs Barnard Atkins.

The President of the Royal College of Surgeons and Mrs Slaney with Professor and Mrs A J Harding Rains, Mr D Innes Williams, Mr A G Apley, Professor I D A Johnston, Mr Ian Todd, Mr J S H Wade, Miss Phyllis George, Professor R Duckworth, Mr Terence Kennedy, Mr R M Kirk, Dr A G S Bailey and Professor Sir Gordon Robson.

Marjorie Countess of Brecknock, Viscountess Whitelaw, Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Lady Moyra Browne, Lady Agnew, Sir Paul Bramley (General Dental Council), Sir Reginald and Lady Murley, Lady Parks, Lady Brock, Lieutenant-General Sir William Pike, Sir Miles and Lady Clifford, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme (representing the President of the Royal College of Physicians), Professor Sir David Smithers, Sir Patrick Dean (representing the Governing Body of Rugby School), Lady McMichael, Lieutenant-General Sir James Baird, Sir Thomas Lodge, Sir Eric and Lady Riches, Professor Sir Cyril Clarke (Royal College of Physicians Research Unit) and Lady Clarke, Lady (Iveson) Macadam, Sir Maurice Dorman (Lord Prior of the Order of St John of Jerusalem) and Lady Dorman, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt (Royal Society of Medicine), Sir Brian Windeyer.

Dr J C Houston (dean, Guy's Hospital Medical School), Major-General W J Pryn (representing the director-general, Army Medical Services and Army Surgeons), Professor Peter Morris (Nuffield Department of Surgery, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, also representing the Medical Research Council), Mr Ian Robin, Dr and Mrs Philip Evans, Mr Ronald Raven, Professor T J H Clark, Mr and Mrs T L T Lewis, Mrs Nevile Bland, Mr John Kinross, Mr P S Henman, Professor Harold Edey, Mr and Mrs Alec Badenoch, Mr and Mrs H G Hanley, Professor and Mrs K G Denbigh, Mr and Mrs Guy Blackburn, Mr R S Johnson-Gilbert, Professor Peter Bevan.

Mr Max Rendall (clinical superintendent, Guy's Hospital), Mrs V M Blakley and Mrs B M Herbert (Guy's Hospital Nurses League), Miss Eirlys Rees (Royal College of Nursing), Miss Marjorie Gardener (Joint Board of Clinical Nursing Studies), Mr Bernard Finn (English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting), Dr Jean Lawrie (Medical Womens Federation), Mr Donald Longmore (National Heart Hospital) and Mrs Longmore, Mr John Cooper (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons), Mr J A Garlick (Queen Elizabeth College, London University), Mr Peter Schurr (Society of British Neurological Surgeons).

Dr B S Thomas (Imperial Cancer Research Fund), Wing Commander F W Tame (RAF Benevolent Fund), Mr L J Field and Dr E C Dawson (St John Ambulance) with Mrs Field, Mrs Dawson and Dr Valarie Livesley; Mr H T H Snowden (Old Rugbeian Society), Mr and Mrs C H Kinder, Mr D G Bompas, Mr Michael Davies, Mr and Mrs George Darwin, Dr Jean McColl, Mr A E Wieler, Mr Percy Levy, Mr William F Davis, Mrs E Fraser-Tytler, Mrs L Hone, Mrs Sam Wass, Dr Val Wass, Dr John Wass, Dr R K Knight, Mrs P Bamblett, Dr C Hardwick, Mrs Alexis Cook, Mr and Mrs John Hayward, Mr J L Reed and Mrs Michael Edwardes-Jones.

Latest wills

Mr David "Dai" James Rees, of Whetstone, the golfer, left estate valued at £21,261 net.

Mr Geoffrey William Moorhouse, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, company director left £806,066 net.

Mr Vincent Leicester Powell, of South Woodford, London, left £198,528 net. After bequests he left two-thirds of the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and a third to the National Trust.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Smith, Mrs Constance Madeline, of Colchester £230,967

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Amir of Bahrain. The other guests were:

Shaikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Shaikh Mohamed Bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Mr Sayed Mahmoud Ahmed Al-Alawi, Mr Yousif Ahmed Al-Shirawi, Mr Tariq Abdul Rahman Al-Moayyed, Mr Yousif Rahman Al-Dosari, the Ambassador of Bahrain, Mr Mohamed Yousif Jalal, Mr Mubarak Qassim Kanoo, Mr Nabil Ebrahim Quamber, the Ambassador of Qatar, the Ambassador of Kuwait, The Chargé d'Affaires of the United Arab Emirates, the Chargé d'Affaires of Oman.

Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, Lord Cockfield, Mr Richard Luce, MP, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, MP, Viscount Boyne, Lord Denman, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Barber, Lord McAlpine of West Green, Sir Rae McKaig, Sir Charles Troughton, Mr Eric Deakins, MP, Mr Dennis Walters, MP, Mr Patrick McNair Wilson, MP, Mr Kevin McNamara, MP, Mr James Louden, Mr Terry Harrison, Mr H R MacLeod, Mr Ambrose Congreve, Mr J E H Collins, Mr Ronald Garrick, Mr M J M Morgan, Mr P F H Mason, Mr A C Frood, Mr G J Parker, Mr Stewart Gorton, Mr P W Heselgrave, Mr K F Scott, Mr G C Barker, Mr Edward Given, Mr Robert Belgrave, Mr Maurice Chandler, Mr Geoffrey Bibby, Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, Mr Peter Edgley, Mr Cyril Parsley, Miss Eileen Roche, Mr Roger Matthews, Mr Edward Mortimer, General Sir John Stanier, Sir John Leahy, Mr Roger Tomkys, Major Hugh Lindsay, Mr John Coles and Mr David Barclay.

Parkinson's Disease Society
The Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom held a luncheon yesterday at the Garrick Club to mark the anniversary of the *birth of Dr James Parkinson*, the London physician after whom the disease is named. Mr John Elliott, chairman, presided and presented a certificate of appreciation to Mrs Kenneth More. Among others present were Mrs Jack Hawkins, Mrs Laurence Evans, Mr John Gale, Mr Anthony Kilmister, Mr Donald Lenox, Mr Peter Noble and Mr John Bryant.

Coningsby Club
The Coningsby Club entertained Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, at dinner last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Andrew Mitchell presided.

Lady Boothby
Lord and Lady Boothby gave a dinner in the House of Lords yesterday to celebrate a week of Hungarian trade: commercial and cultural events in Great Britain. Among the guests were:

The Ambassador of Hungary and Mme Básztor, Mr Peter Bacio, Mr Gyula Braun, Mrs Helen Havens, Professor Jenő Kovács, Mr Gyorgy Nádor, Miss Ildikó Klotz and Mr and Mrs Archie Newman.

Corporation of London
On the occasion of the visit of the Amir of Bahrain to the City of London yesterday the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London presented an address of welcome and afterwards a dinner was held in Guildhall at which the Duke and Duchess of Kent were present. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Sir John Donaldson and the Sheriffs and their ladies. Among others present were:

Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Mr Yousuf Amed Al Shirawi, Mr Syed Mahmoud Al Alawi, Mr Tariq Abdul Rahman Almoayyed, Mr Yousuf Rahman Al Dosari, the Ambassador of Bahrain, Mr Mohammed Yousuf Jalal, Mr Mubarak Jasim Kanoo, Mr Nabil Ebraheem Qumber.

The Lord Privy Seal and Mrs Biffen, the Ambassador of Egypt and Mrs Abou-Seeda, the Ambassador of Pakistan and Mrs Arshad, the Ambassador of the Yemen Arab Republic and Mme Al Azeib, the Ambassador of Austria and Frau Thomas, the Ambassador of Iraq and Mrs Al-Qaraghuli, the Acting High Commissioner for Cyprus, Viscount Boyne, the Lord Chamberlain and Lady Maclean, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby, the Master of HM Household and Lady Ashmore, the Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Williamson, the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, the Chairman of the Greater London Council and Mrs Hinds, the Lord Mayor of Westminster Mr Michael Bedford, the Minister of State for Home Affairs and the Hon Mrs Hurd, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Macfarlane, Masters of City Livery Companies, representatives of the Bahrain Embassy, the Civil Service and City institutions, Bahrainis resident in London, and aldermen, common councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Dinners

Process Plant Association
Mr Norman Lamont, MP, Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Process Plant Association held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr John Crawford, president of the association, presided. The band of The Royal Marine School of Music played during the evening.

The Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Malaysia led by the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat. The Malaysian High Commissioner was also present. Other guests were:

Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, Mr Robert Adley, MP, Mr David Alton, MP, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Mr John Evans, MP, Mr David Evennett, MP, Dr Alan Glyn, MP, Mr Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, Mr John Major, MP, Dr Maurice Miller, MP, Mr James Pawsey, MP, Mr John Ryman, MP, Mr Richard Shepherd, MP, Mr Roger Stott, MP, Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, Sir William van Straubenzee, MP, Mr Mick Welsh, MP, Mr James Batten, Mr Robin Godwin-Austen, Major Victor Le Fanu, Dr David Menhennet, the Rev Cameron Walker and Mr William Beaumont.

Receptions

West Africa Committee
The council of the West Africa Committee held a reception last night at the Army and Navy Club for ambassadors, high commissioners and heads of missions of countries in West Africa and members of Her Majesty's Government.

First Computer Limited
The launching reception of the first branch of First Computer Limited took place last night at 84 Piccadilly. The hosts were the chairman, Sir Jack Lyons, and the managing director, Mr Cyril Spencer. Among those present were:

Lord Aldington, Lord Camoys, Lord Chalfont, Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, the Hon Sir Anthony Berry, MP, Sir Edwin Nixon, Sir Philip Shelbourne, Sir Philip de Zulueta, Lady Lyons, the Hon Rocco Forte, Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald, Dr Robin Seare, Mr Massimo Coen, Mr Hugh Dundas, Mr P Hannah, Mr Phil Harris, Mr G Hazzard, Mr and Mrs J E Lyons, Mr Sophocles Papanicolaou, Mr John Papanicolaou, Mr M J de R Richardson, Mr M Ross, Mr Leonard Sainer, Mr R Selig, Mr and Mrs Michael Spencer, Mr A T J Stanford, Mr and Mrs J Theroux, Mr J Thompson, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Tucker, Mr John Vincent and Mrs Cyril Spencer.

Science report

Fungus protects trees against acid rain

By Peter Spinks

Plant pathologists in Holland believe that certain species of fungus growing on the roots of plants have the unusual ability to protect trees from the effect of acid rain, drought and high metal levels in soil.

A team at the Wageningen University of Agriculture, led by Dr Willy Smits, has found that the fungi provide trees with extra water, hormones and vitamins while simultaneously covering the roots with a protective network of filaments.

It is in that way that the fungi protect plants from high zinc and copper levels in the soil, which are associated with trees affected by acid rain.

The Dutch scientists found that trees teaming up with those *mycorrhiza* fungi survive such high metal counts, while those whose roots lack the fungi tend to die off. They believe that observation largely accounts for the survival of some trees in areas of high acid rain while others, only a metre or two away, perish.

Their findings are supported by surveys of stricken forests in Holland and other parts of Europe which indicate that surviving trees have, in fact, formed relationships with varieties of fungi different from those found at the roots of perished trees. In playing their part, the beneficial fungi are apparently rewarded with sugar.

"The processes affecting a tree's roots are still something of a mystery", Dr Smits says. He believes that few foresters realize that a seemingly uniform row of trees harbours hundreds of different root fungi combinations that largely determine a tree's chances of growth and survival.

Although the main cause of acid rain, industrial pollution, will doubtless be left to politicians to tackle, Smits says that foresters should not just sit by and suffer the consequences "as something can already be done to improve the survival chances of young trees".

"By inoculating seedlings with the right fungi they can be armed to withstand extremely unfavourable conditions", he says, quoting *Pisolithus arrahyzus*, a fungus that enables firs to thrive on the very high levels of acidity and metals often found in the slagheaps of collieries.

The researchers have also discovered that the same species of fungus protects trees from the ravages of extreme drought which, when combined with the effects of acid rain, poses a serious threat to forests in the industrialized world.

There are two general types of fungi. Dr Smits says that *endomycorrhiza* infect the single cells of the plant root and *ectomycorrhiza* only surround the root cells.

The trees most likely to benefit from inoculation with *ectomycorrhiza* fungi are those most affected by acid rain: firs, pines, spruce, beeches and, to a lesser extent, birches, oaks and cypresses. Some varieties of poplars having *ectomycorrhiza* fungi should also benefit.

Although it may be possible to inoculate seedlings by spraying, Dr Smits says: "The best way would be to first mix the particular fungus preparation with the soil in which seedlings are being planted, and then allow the fungus to grow from these small particles (that look like sawdust) towards the root".

They do that of their own accord because they are attracted by the roots' exudations. "As soon as the fungus has reached the roots, laterals develop which are infected, the fungus establishes itself, and then continues growing on the plants' roots", he says.

So far about 20 of those fungi have been isolated. The Dutch think they may have found certain types of fungi which are effective in combating acid rain in almost all of Holland's tree varieties.

Dr Smits and his colleagues are continuing their experiments by planting seedlings in root boxes with particularly acidic soil from West Germany. The boxes enable the scientists to use optical instruments to monitor the soil's effects on fungi and seedlings alike.

There are some snags. Wageningen University research has also suggested that the helpful *mycorrhiza* fungi may be losing ground to what Dr Smits describes as "thousands of kinds of parasitic fungi". But he adds: "If the tree has a good *mycorrhiza* fungus it is well protected against pathogens and parasitic fungi".

If the *mycorrhiza* fungi are weakened through their inability to adapt to local conditions, however, then the parasitic variety may take over and, in doing so, prove to be an even worse enemy than acid rain.

British Nutrition Foundation

Sir Douglas Black, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Manchester University, and former President of the Royal College of Physicians, and Professor R. G. Clark, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Professor of Surgery, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, have been appointed Scientific Governors of the British Nutrition Foundation.

Sir Henry Yellowlees, former Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security, has been appointed Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the British Nutrition Foundation and continues to be a Scientific Governor of the foundation.

Association of Lancastrians in London

The following have been elected officers of the Association of Lancastrians in London for the ensuing year:

President, Miss Thora Hird; Deputy President, Judge Abdela, QC; Vice-Presidents, Sir Frank Cooper, Mr R B Dunn, and Mr A G W Scott.

St Bees School, Cumbria

Viscount Whitelaw, CH, has succeeded Sir Kenneth Corley as chairman of governors of St Bees School, Cumbria.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev P L Baycock, Vicar, Thanington with Milton, diocese of Canterbury, to be Rector, Chagford with Gidleigh and Throwleigh, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev G Bond, Vicar, Lower Beeding, and Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Horsham, diocese of Chichester, to be also Ecumenical Officer for the Archdeaconry of Horsham, same diocese.

The Rev C M Brinkworth, Vicar, Ault Hucknall, diocese of Derby, to be Vicar, St Anne's, and St John's, Derby, same diocese.

The Rev D V A Brown, part-time Chaplain to the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, and Curate, St Cuthbert, Sheffield, diocese of Sheffield, to be full-time Chaplain to the Lancaster Moor Hospital, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev D R Burden, Vicar, Ashbury, Compton Beauchamp, Longcot and Fernham, diocese of Oxford, to be Vicar, St Sebastian, Wokingham, same diocese.

The Rev S Carter, Curate, Amblecote, near Stourbridge, diocese of Worcester, to be Team Vicar, Woodingdean, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev R W Commin, chaplain of Loretto School, Musselburgh, diocese of Edinburgh, to be Vicar in the Thetford Team Ministry, diocese of Norwich.

The Rev E A Cunnington, Vicar, Martham with Repps with Bastwick, diocese of Norwich, *to be also Rural Dean of Flegg, same diocese.*

The Rev F A O D Dawson, Chaplain at St Katherine's College, Liverpool, and Assistant Curate, All Saints, Childwall, diocese of Liverpool, to be Vicar, Shevington, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev J W Gamp, Vicar, St Mary the Virgin, Twickenham, diocese of London, to be also Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Campbell Road, Twickenham, same diocese.

The Rev S H Gilbert, formerly an incumbent in the diocese of St Asaph in the Church of Wales, to be Rector, Beeston Regis, diocese of Norwich.

The Rev S J R Hartley, Curate, All Saints, Clayton-le-Moors, with St James, Altham, diocese of Blackburn, to be Priest-in-charge, St Philip, Nelson, same diocese.

The Rev M D Hewitt, Curate, Christ Church, Bexleyheath, diocese of Rochester, to be Curate, St Andrew, Buckland, Dover, with St Nicholas, Buckland Valley, with special responsibility for St Nicholas, diocese of Canterbury.

The Rev G E Jones, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Idle diocese of Bradford, to be Vicar, St Paul's and St Stephen's, Hyson Green, Nottingham, diocese of Southwell.

The Rev C J Hudson, Curate in charge, Baltonsborough with Butleigh, and curate in charge, West Bradley and Lottisham, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar, same benefices, same diocese.

Birthdays today

Mr Alan Ayckbourne, 45; Lord Bruce-Gardyne, 54; Mr Paul Cook, 38; Miss Joan Grant, 77; Mr Edward Hide, 47; Lord Inglewood, 75; Mr Uwe Kitzinger, 56; the Earl of Limerick, 54; Mr A. W. Mabbs, 63; Mr Bryan Magee, 54; Air Marshal Sir Harold Maguire, 72; Mr Bobby Moore, 43; Mr B. L. Pearson, 91; Sir Donald Perrott, 82; Mr William Redpath, 91.

Burgess Hill School for Girls

The following awards are announced for the academic year 1984:

Academic Scholarships:
Sixth Form: Sara Chappell, Justine Benstead, Petra Collingham, Pippa Constable, Amanda Pleasance, Katrina Spicer (Burgess Hill School for Girls).
11+: Rachel Hill (St Wilfrid's C of E Haywards Heath); Larissa Ingoldby (Banda School, Nairobi); Julie Thompson (Brighton and Hove High School); Helen Fuller, Fiona Lay (Burgess Hill School for Girls).
Exhibitions: Rachel Kennedy, Randa Mohamed (Burgess Hill School for Girls).
Music: Emma Fergis-Woods (Burgess Hill School for Girls).

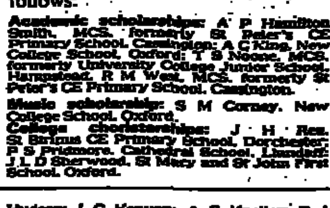
Magdalen College School, Oxford

Awards have recently been made as follows:

Academic scholarships: A P Hamilton Smith, MCS, formerly St Peter's CE Primary School, Cassington; A C King, New College School, Oxford; T S Noone, MCS, formerly University College Junior School, Hampstead; R M West, MCS, formerly St Peter's CE Primary School, Cassington.

Music scholarship: S M Corney, New College School, Oxford.

College choristerships: J H Rea, St Birinus CE Primary School, Dorchester; P S Pridmore, Cathedral School, Llandaff; J L D Sherwood, St Mary and St John First School, Oxford.

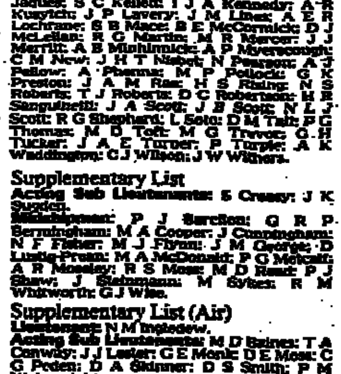


Naval graduations

The Chief of the Defence Staff, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, represented the Queen at the Lord High Admiral's Divisions last Thursday, when the following Officers Under Training passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

Acting Sub Lieutenants: M C H O Alexander; M Asif; N J Bixby; P S Bodycombe; C D Boulton; N Brewer; P H Broadley; T H Brown; A J Campbell; M D Day; T M Dickinson; R M Dolan; J M Fearon; J J Gill; R S Gray; J D Hay; M C R Leeson; C Mather; A J Matson; J May Somerville; R H McNeilis; N P B Morton; H V Myatt; C E Pogson; J C B Powell; A Read; C I Reid; A Roberts; M Rogers; G D Rosser; D J Sturr; M R M Tarrant; G R West; R A Whitmey.

Midshipmen: R C E Ball; J E J Barlow; D I G Bate; A J Blewitt; I L Buckle; P R Cannon; D G Childs; J J Chubb; C J Coles; A J B Cope; N A Cummings; M E Eastlake; D R S Everett; J E Fairbrass; M L Feeney; C E Fenton; M A Fieldsend; G C Fielding; N R Firth; R T Furse; J L R Foreman; N H K Gow; P P Gracey; A C Gray; D P S Green; J V Hall; M J Hanks; I Harrop; A D Perry; P J Hill; G B Hutchison; S J Hutton; D A Jaques; S C Kellett; I J A Kennedy; A R Kusyich; J P Lavery; J M Lines; A E R Lochrane; S B Mace; B E McCormick; D J McLellan; R G Martin; M R Mercer; J J Merritt; A B Minhinnick; A P Myerscough; C M New; J H T Nisbet; N Pearson; A J Pellow; A Phenna; M P Pollock; G K Preston; J A M Rae; H S Rising; N S Roberts; T J Roberts; D C Robertson; H R Sanguinetti; J A Scott; J B Scott; N L J Scott; R G Shepherd; L Soto; D M Tait; P G Thomas; M D Toft; M G Trevor; G H Tucker; J A E Turner; P Turpie; A K Waddington; C J Wilson; J W Withers.



Supplementary List
Acting Sub Lieutenants: S Creasy; J K Sugden.
Midshipmen: P J Barclay; G R P Bermingham; M A Cooper; J Cunningham; N F Fisher; M J Flynn; J M George; D Lustig-Prean; M A McDonald; P G Metcalf; A R Moseley; R S Moss; M D Reed; P J Shaw; J Steinmann; M Sykes; R M Whitworth; G J Wise.

Supplementary List (Air)
Lieutenant: N M Ingledew.
Acting Sub Lieutenants: M D Baines; T A Conway; J J Lester; G E Monk; D E Moss; C G Peden; D A Skinner; D S Smith; P M Wainwright.
Midshipmen: K S Brown; J M Comben; J Devereux; R T Edwards; D C Handley; P T Hudson; I C Kenyon; A S Kneller; P J Payne; R C Player; T J Reeve; D M Shiner; M R Steer; D J Tribe; J P Williams.



Instructor Officers
Lieutenants: S G Bell; J R Coulson; A C Dinham; A M Ewens; P G Laisey; R J Moss; J G Pett; M G Proudlock; W B Rose; C L Whittaker.

WRNS Officers
Probationary Third Officers: D M Duffy; C F Fulwell; S L Howard; S E Miller; L J Robb; C M Simpson; H S Sowton; S L Whitworth.

Special Duties List Officers
Acting Sub Lieutenants: B Brockie; N J Denham; S McKinlay.

International Midshipmen
M S Al Ahmari, Saudi Arabia; A Alamin, Libya; H Al Enezi, Kuwait; S Al Hujailan, Saudi Arabia; Z Alim, Bangladesh; H Al Khalil, Saudi Arabia; N Al Motairi, Saudi Arabia; A M N Al Rajhi, Saudi Arabia; A Al Sanosy, Saudi Arabia; H Al Sith, Saudi Arabia; K M Al Seahan, Saudi Arabia; S M Al Yagout, Kuwait; S A I Bakri, Saudi Arabia; S M Hakim, Bangladesh; M A Ashraf, Bangladesh; K H Kang, Singapore; B G Kaniaru, Kenya; A K M Khalil, Jordan; M A Khlaif, Jordan; P K Kigil, Kenya; W C Kombe, Kenya; N Mukala, Kenya; P K Tan, Singapore; J Wawaru, Kenya.

OBITUARY

GEN SIR BASIL EUGSTER

Former Commander-in-Chief UK Land Forces



General Sir Basil Eugster, KCB, KCVO, DSO, MC, who died on April 5 at the age of 69 was an Irish Guards officer who had seen active service in Palestine before the war and was subsequently involved in the Narvik the Italian and North West Europe campaigns as a company and battalion commander. After the war he progressed through a series of senior appointments to become Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Land Forces in 1972.

Eugster was born on August 15, 1914 and went to Beaumont and Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his MA. He was commissioned into the Irish Guards in 1935 and in 1938 went with his regiment to Egypt and Palestine where he won the first of his MCs.

When an Allied response to the German occupation of Norway was decided upon the 1st Battalion Irish Guards were sent to Narvik as part of the 24th Guards Brigade. Eugster, then a lieutenant, participated in the disastrous beginning to that part of the campaign when the motor vessel Chobry taking his battalion ashore was sunk by German aircraft, Eugster himself spending some time in the freezing water before being picked up by the sloop HMS Stork.

On shore further tribulation awaited the Guards with experienced German infantry supported by air power gaining the high ground and threatening to surround and annihilate the expeditionary force. Now a captain, Eugster though wounded in a grenade attack, successfully extricated No 1 company of which he was commander and led it to safety and subsequent reembarkation. For this he received a bar to his MC.

Eugster subsequently served as Brigade Major of the 140 Infantry Brigade and with the Central Mediterranean Force before going to the North west Europe theatre as Officer Commanding 3rd Battalion Irish Guards in January 1945.

Here the Irish Guards were to participate in what was intended as a drive to the Rhine by the Guards Armoured Division, but the drive became bogged down in the rain, mud and bitter weather of that season and Eugster's 3rd Battalion detached in mid February to "mop up" in the village of Terporten-Vrij, a mile ahead of the front line, found itself confronted with three times its number of Germans entrenched in well-defended positions. After the battalion had sustained heavy casualties Eugster extricated it from a potentially disastrous situation.

For his part in the North West Europe operations Eugster received the DSO.

After the end of the war Eugster had a number of regimental commands and in 1958 became Commandant of the Mons Officer Cadet School. From 1959 to 1962 he commanded the 3rd Infantry Brigade Group in Cyprus and was also Dhekelia Area commander, for these services being appointed CBE.

Thereafter his promotion was rapid, through a series of senior appointments including Commandant of the School of Infantry at Warminster; GOC 4 Division British Army of the Rhine; GOC London District and commander of the Household Brigade; and Commander British Forces Hong Kong.

He was GOC Southern Command in 1971-72 and his final appointment was C-in-C UK Land Forces from 1972 to 1974. During this period he coordinated the first of a series of large scale trials of helicopters in the north of England, which made a considerable impact on tactical thinking on the use of helicopter fire and supply power in army circles.

He had succeeded the late Field Marshal the Earl Alexander of Tunis as Colonel of the Irish Guards in 1969.

SIR JACOB VOUZA

A correspondent writes:

Sir Jacob Vouza, GM, MBE, whose heroism in the Second World War was legendary in the South Pacific, died on March 15 in his remote village in the Solomon Islands.

Jacob Charles Vouza was born at Tasiboko on Guadalcanal Island, before the British Solomon Islands Protectorate was proclaimed in 1893, and consequently had no birth certificate and is believed to have been about 92.

Joining the Solomon Islands Armed Constabulary in 1916, he retired as sergeant-major in 1940. The Japanese captured him on their invasion of Guadalcanal in 1943 when he was working behind their lines with the Solomons Defence Force as a scout.

Tied to a tree, he was repeatedly bayoneted but refused to divulge the whereabouts of intrepid British District Officers like Martin Clemens who, from their jungle mountain isolation, were transmitting to the American fleet vital information on Japanese positions. Left for dead, he made his way to American lines. The George Medal and American Silver Star were awarded him.

After the war he became district headman and president of the Guadalcanal Council from 1952 to 1958. From 1950 to 1960 he was a member of the Solomon Islands Advisory Council; he was appointed MBE in 1957 for loyal service to the Government.

In 1978 he became the first Solomon Island Knight on the Queen's visit after independence and astonishingly survived, despite his torture and wounds, to an age far beyond that of the normal Islander.

5,000 people managed to attend the funeral two days after his death at California Village with its difficult access.

THE RT HON BORA LASKIN

The Rt Hon Bora Laskin, Chief Justice of Canada since 1973, died recently at the age of 71.

Laskin was the dominant figure in Canadian law for over a decade and enjoyed a high reputation throughout the common law world, attested by the award of over twenty honorary degrees. In Britain, he was an honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, a member of the editorial board of the *Modern Law Review* and the Hamlyn Lecturer in 1969.

He was born on October 5, 1912. His parents were penniless Jewish immigrants who had fled from eastern Europe. Educated at the University of Toronto and Harvard Law School, Laskin was a full-time legal academic for a quarter of a century before his elevation to the Bench. He taught at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, and became the leading authority on Canadian constitutional law. He was a prolific author.

In 1965, when Professor of Law at Toronto, he was appointed straight to the Ontario Court of Appeal. In 1970, he was moved to the Supreme Court of Canada, becoming Chief Justice after three years. Canadian Prime Ministers, like American Presidents, have felt no inhibitions about appointing outstanding academic lawyers to the Bench, and no appointment was more successful than Laskin's.

Although no judge could have been more highly respected or better liked, with not a trace of pomposity or arrogance, and although his judgments exhibited outstanding scholarship and quality in all areas of the law, he often failed to carry a majority of his colleagues with him, and he frequently found himself writing dissents. These dissents, however, were not without influence, and courts in many common law jurisdictions, including the House of Lords drew inspiration from them.

MRS DIANA DEWAR

Mrs Diana Dewar, who died aged 56 on April 7 after falling from the Clifton suspension bridge at Bristol, was an author most of whose books were concerned with morality and touched on religious themes.

Her much praised *Saint of Auschwitz*, a biography of Maksymilian Kolbe, a Polish priest who volunteered to give his life for another prisoner at the concentration camp, was published in 1982. She flew to Rome for the canonisation of the priest and, an Anglican herself, presented a bound copy of the book to the Pope.

Mrs Dewar left school at Weston-super-Mare at the age of 15 and worked on newspapers in her home town, and Bristol, as well as in the BBC newsrooms at Bristol and London. After marriage – and bringing up three sons – she freelanced, mostly on sociological, educational and moral topics.

Her first book was *Backward Christian Soldiers*, an inquiry into the impact of religious teaching on young children. She followed it with *Orphans of the Living*, a study of illegitimacy and, in 1980 *All for Christ*, about various 20th century martyrs.

She was the wife of James Dewar, regional television manager for BBC West



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THE ARTS

Theatre

Melancholy alone is not enough

The Merchant of Venice
Stratford

Having shed a memorable gloom over *Twelfth Night* at the opening of last year's Stratford season, John Caird now returns to work with a will and offers a positively sepulchral *Merchant of Venice*.

Working with his regular partners, Ultz (design) and Ilona Sekacz (music), Mr Caird first signals what lies in store by reducing the play's two environments to a single setting. Walled and roofed with dark red curtains, the stage presents two identical pipe organs, garlanded and pillared in tarnished gilt, heralding the night's festivities with growlingly ominous sonorities. Simultaneously the eye takes in the three caskets, pillar-box sized sarcophagi, each suspended aloft on high-tech platforms which are cantilevered down to various positions, including floor level for the Belmont scenes.

It certainly makes a change from the usual contrast between the mercantile life of the Rialto and Portia's fairy-tale estate. But that is all you can claim for it. Contrast of some kind is written into the imagery of the play; and besides eliminating that element (apart from the modest changes of trucking the organs about), all this design suggests is a musty chapel of repose equally remote from the worlds of money and romance.

Nothing in the playing style supports this eccentric staging. In the case of *Twelfth Night*, Mr Caird had a genuine melancholy vision of the play. In the present case, the comedy simply unrolls on a level of dullness and mediocrity such as I have seldom witnessed at this address. The Venetian blades are an interchangeable group of bespangled youths among whom Adam Bareham's Bassanio distinguishes himself only by having more to say. He transmits generalized embarrassment with Christopher Ravenscroft's incessantly smiling Antonio; generalized ardour and noble sentiment in company with Portia. His story unfolds as in a folk tale with no examination of the moral contradictions and personal background that colour the text.

Again and again, it seems that the production is taking things as they come, without any long-range strategy. If Launcelot Gobbo starts getting tedious, Brian Parr peps him up with a joke female voice, or gallops over the set as if on a runaway horse. James Simmons's Gratiano likewise throws in a bit of Venetian swagger whenever his turn comes round, and otherwise subsides into anonymity in the semi-circular groupings.

Worst among the principals is Frances Tomelty's Portia, a confident, insensitive bachelor girl who begins by making gleefully malicious fun of her suitors, and finally takes vengeful pleasure in making Bassanio squirm over the lost ring. Anything less like a woman in love or a girl reluctantly bound to the will of a dead father it would be hard to imagine.

The production adds to the distortion in the Morocco scene where Portia, after triumphantly declaring "Let all of his complexion choose me so", goes out affectionately, arm in arm with her black Nerissa (Josette Simon).

The one interesting lead performance comes from Ian McDiarmid, who tackles Shylock head-on as an unsympathetic figure. As in his *Henry V* Chorus, he makes his decision clear from the outset: coming downstage, in true villainous style, to inform the listeners of his revengeful intentions. Thereafter, you are obliged to view all his giggling courtesies, rabbinical eloquence and legal precision as a hypocritical ruse. He would have acted as he did even if Jessica had never run away from home.

As often with this actor, he shows you what he intends to do and then goes on to discover all kinds of variations within the given outline. Among the main surprises are the intensities of passion he achieves in the scene with Sebastian Shaw's sadistically impassive Tubal – flinging himself across the stage in ecstacies of despair and jubiliation at the conflicting news of Jessica's prodigality and Antonio's losses.

He also interrupts this scene for an extraordinary breakdown of wordless grief. The trial lacks a climax; his features do not register the full enormity of the shock when Portia halts the hand with the knife; but his subsequent broken collapse and private, businesslike exit – again shutting himself off from the Christian world – are extremely impressive.

Otherwise, there is little to report beyond a winningly mischievous Jessica from Amanda Root, and a mincing Arragon from Martin Jacobs, somewhat hampered by a costume suggesting a bright purple Gruyère cheese. The verse speaking, in this of all plays, is startlingly unmusical.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Master of the hypocritical ruse: Ian McDiarmid's head-on approach to the unsympathetic Shylock, with Christopher Ravenscroft's Antonio

Dance

Catching strangeness and pity

Metamorphosis
Sadler's Wells

To follow David Bintley's ballet through all its many-faceted detail you probably need to know beforehand what the main point is, but, for those who have forgotten or never read Kafka's horrifying story, the first sentence, quoted in the programme with one short paragraph of exposition, should be quite enough.

Those who do remember Kafka's *Metamorphosis* are probably wondering how on earth one makes a ballet from the story of a man who woke to find himself transformed into an insect. The answer is, first, by changing the focus from Gregor Samsa's reactions to those of his family, and secondly by making a free version of the incidents. Since horror needs a background of normality, we first see Gregor before the transmogrification, and Bintley adds a surprise ending too. Other incidents are transposed to suit the dramatic needs; the lodger is in residence from the start, for instance, and he rather than the insect becomes the object of the father's inarticulate rage with a broom.

Bintley treats the subject as a black farce, and to match that line Mike Becket's setting (after a prologue in a steep old-fashioned middle European street) provides the run-down Samsa home with as many doors as ever Feydeau made use of. The other collaborator in the enterprise, Peter McGowan, has written a score that sustains both the detail of each episode and the shape of the whole with powerful dramatic music. Composed for a small symphony orchestra with saxophones replacing clarinets, it draws freely on both popular and serious styles of this century.

Farce can be more painful than tragedy because it relates more to our own lives, and the family's reactions to the horror hidden away in Gregor's room are acutely wounding. Never more so than when normality almost returns and little Grete performs a half-seductive dance with a handkerchief to amuse the lodger and her parents.

Leanne Benjamin as Grete has her first created role and scores a great success. Bintley makes the most of her expressive face and also finds marvellously ingenious ways to make her slightly flamboyant feet evocative of character and emotion.

She has probably the biggest part, but this is essentially an ensemble work, with character revealed in relationships more than individual display. The other members of the household match her equally: Margaret Barbieri as the mother who maintains the family's respectability, Desmond Kelly as the clumsily caring husband and father, Stephen Wicks the bossy, just very slightly flashy lodger.

Gregor, shown in the prologue as a pathetically incompetent creature, already sick, is convincingly played by Grahame Lustig, who hints eerily at the coming transformation as he gets ready for bed. How well Bintley's ballet will wear remains to be seen, but it catches the strangeness of its model, and much of the pity.

John Percival

Dee Conway



Convincing hints of forthcoming transformation: Grahame Lustig as Gregor Samsa

Concerts

Liturgy rediscovered by a new race

London Sinfonietta/Zagrosek
Queen Elizabeth Hall

One is perhaps foolish to venture the claim, but Jonathan Lloyd's Mass, performed on Tuesday for the first time by the London Sinfonietta Voices, must rank among the oddest of all the numberless settings these words have received. In that respect, though, it is all of a piece with his other works, for everything I have heard of his has been at once marvellous and mystifying.

The effect is rather what you might feel if you saw an Aztec sculpture lying in the gutter in Oxford Street: astonishment, quickly followed by disbelief that the thing could possibly be genuine.

So it is here. The work is a pocket Mass in the same sense that Stravinsky's *Requiem Canticles* make what the composer described as a pocket Requiem. The text is an abbreviated transcript from a work of the past – in Stravinsky's case the Verdi Requiem, in Lloyd's the B minor Mass of Bach – rather as if most of the words on these monuments had been effaced by decades of abuse. Or, in the Lloyd, it is as if the liturgy had been rediscovered by a new race of savages.

There is a point near the start of the Credo, for instance, where the three men singers are all booming at the bottom of their registers, in the manner of Tibetan monks, while the three women cheerily stutter on the word "Patrem" like forest children of Papageno and Papagena.

That is not the way a mass is supposed to conduct itself, and yet it is not silly, either: the gestures are too finely prescribed, too accurate, for that. And so, where most Masses feel a sacred obligation to respond to the words with emotional fervour, architectural grandeur or a least virtuosity, Lloyd's simply and unnervingly holds back. Moreover, its detachment is reinforced by so much repetition: repetition of tiny shreds, from singers behaving like clockwork machines, and repetition of whole sections, sometimes with the addition of another layer that again conveys an impression of automatic composition.

The basic melodic ideas are so elementary that many of them might easily be off-cuts from the Bach, or just as easily not. In any event, once they are trapped within Lloyd's thoroughly drilled tissue of fragments, they revert to prehistoric simplicity and become bursts of ululation or, as the Creed peters out, gasps for breath. Lothar Zagrosek conducted an effective, memorable, puzzling première.

Paul Griffiths

LSO/Abbado
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Do we need another Beethoven cycle? Yes and no: what we do not need is another mediocre Beethoven cycle, and what we desperately do need is a cycle which epitomizes what this strange generation has to say about Beethoven in the way that Toscanini did in London before the war and Klemperer did after the war.

On the evidence of Tuesday night's opening concert, Claudio Abbado is halfway there; but the results were glorious in a generalized manner without making any detailed, precise statement.

And precision – not only of playing technique, but of idiom and of stylistic allusion – is surely one thing we can now bring to Beethoven. Now that Boris Schwarz has shown, for instance, in what detail the Violin Concerto is indebted to the French school of Kreutzer and Rode, it emerges as one of Beethoven's most restrained and refined creations. Shlomo Mintz, aged 28, an astonishing violinist, brought a shimmering elegance to the solo part, winging his way in the slow movement cadenza with an almost inhuman control to the top of his instrument.

What went on around him, however, was more vague. Abbado's rounded gestures and broad phrasing seemed appropriate here although the string sound had a too-ample spread which belied the concentrated intimacy of those drum taps and single notes that propel the first movement. And the slow movement's warmth could have been keener, more focused.

But the surprise came when Abbado transferred that same rounded, almost cuddly sound to the vast canvas of the "Eroica" Symphony. The playing was gorgeous, but every attack, it seemed, lacked impact: the hammer-stroke chords in the first movement development faded away at once, the shattering chords that announce the coda were lunged at rather than hit. Except in the brilliant scherzo, there was a lack of hard-edged sound: the funeral march found its climax not in the fugue, which was oddly misty, but in the screaming triplets that crowned its climax.

It was a noble, impassioned reading, but fundamentally stodgy: the orchestral sound needs to be put through some kind of sieve if Beethoven is really to confront us.

Nicholas Kenyon

Television

Harking back to the grand old days

Uncompromisingly intellectual and uncompromisingly messy, there is something splendid about Voices (Channel 4). Addressing an audience the size of the readership of all our literary weeklies rolled into one, it harks straight back to the grand old days of the Third Programme, with fist-to-forehead cerebrations on the Great Issues of Our Time as perceived by our currently accredited Great Thinkers. In a good week it makes a wonderful nightcap.

Last week was a good week. Man of the monent – there is generally a man of the moment, against whom everyone else acts as a foil – was an arresting-looking person called Professor Spivak, crop-haired in a sari, with a red spot on her brow, a French accent and an impenetrable line in post-structuralist chat. In the chair was a prematurely grey Cambridge sociologist who said things like "It's not entirely clear where this puts us, as an argument", or "I see exactly what you mean" when it seemed far from certain that he did.

With many an invocation of her patron saints Derrida and Leotard, the professor demonstrated the power of her creed. The world was simply a text, and the business of Thinkers was to decipher it.

Her foils were two political scientists who had the temerity to mention a little matter which was bothering them – to wit, the Bomb. As the allotted hour wore on, it became clear that they were very bothered indeed, but in some mysterious way the professor was not bothered at all. If it dropped and mankind was exterminated, that would merely be "a textual event". And so to bed.

I borrowed a tape to preview this week's edition in advance. It began with an exchange which other viewers may not have seen. "Everybody happy?" "I feel miserable. This chair's like being at the dentist." "Tip it – the back reclines." "Ah!"

Topic of the day was Postmodernism in Art. What is art? What is an artist? Can art be separated from politics? Is a painting's meaning exclusively determined by the context in which it is exhibited? Yes, said two confidently theoretical guests. No, said a less happy empirical guest, whose sentences kept tying themselves in frustrated knots.

Michael Church

Theatre in London

Gulls
Shaw

In quick succession we have had deafness, blindness and autism. Now, from Australia in Bristol Express's smart touring production, Robert Hewett's *Gulls* considers brain damage. Candida Boyes's magnificent light wood set combines the cottage shared by Bill (incurable since a car crash in his teens) and his devoted sister, with a jagged beach where seagulls swoop in enviable freedom.

As that suggests, the play's honesty sometimes leaves it naive to the point of gaucheness. Fortunately Andy Jordan's production, though slow, offers firmly persuasive performances: Frances (Carol Burns) cracking up after years of nursemaiding; the boy she refused, now wretchedly married on the rebound (Terence McGinity); and the garrulous old neighbour (Evie Garratt), an invaluable babysitter almost impossible to dislodge.

Above all, there is Jeffrey Chiswick's puzzled but mischievous Bill, a strong, personable man condemned to pyjamas and baby-talk, frustrating others and himself by his erratic comprehension. Sharp variations in brainpower and the gap between understanding and expression give Mr Hewett an opening he boldly exploits: using Bill as articulate commentator, warning us when old Molly is about to sound off, apologizing for wetting himself and drily muttering "Freak show time" when asked for a writing demonstration. Rages, violent sex-urges and kleptomania notwithstanding, he tells us the truth, and when he promises suicide we do not doubt him.

Rich in humour, the device is used with clever inconsistency: overhearing Molly tell Frances not to waste her life, how much will he understand? But, alongside much painful and ironic perception, there are these embarrassing puppet gulls – manipulated (however well) on rods by athletic boys in white while Bill gazes and music swells. One, I blush to say, ascends heavenwards on his death. That surely masks the real tragedy: Bill may be freed, but Frances and her lover never will be.

Anthony Masters



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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Weinberg and Rothschild hold a full house

It is a measure of the dramatic speed at which events are moving in the City that Charterhouse J. Rothschild, which yesterday proposed a £1 billion merger with Hambro Life Assurance, was itself formed only four months ago when the merchant bank Charterhouse Group and the investment house RIT and Northern themselves merged.

Indeed, RIT and Hambro Life had preliminary talks as long as 18 months ago. It did not then seen to make as much sense as it does now: RIT did not have the asset backing to offer Hambro Life, and Hambro Life had not got its integrated banking and portfolio management service into place, centred on the Dunbar Bank. By the beginning of this year, it was all very different. When Mr Jacob Rothschild happened to be sitting next to Mr Mark Weinberg of Hambro Life at dinner a month ago, a merger seemed to these two extraordinary spirits the most natural thing in the world.

The fact was that Mr Weinberg, one of the most restlessly creative individuals in the financial arena, had been casting around for some time for a way of developing Hambro Life.

It was obvious to all concerned that the link between Hambro Life and its progenitor, Hambros Bank, had outlived its usefulness to either side. The bank effectively created a vehicle for Mr Weinberg in 1972, but had gradually reduced its equity interest over the years. Hambros Bank did not want to become involved in the retail end of financial services and he has been trying to find other ways of injecting assets into its offspring. The Hambro life investment had been a comforting prop in time of trouble, but is now an encumbrance. The rump of 24.8 per cent is to be sold to Charterhouse J. Rothschild as the springboard for the new merger. Giving Hambros Bank a total return of £190m on its original investment.

Mr Weinberg was clearly ready to operate on a much larger scale. He had been invited to transmute his unit-linked life insurance marketing techniques to the US, but was chary of such a move without an established base over there. The Rothschild link provides that, and the distant prospect of expansion into the far east.

For Mr Jacob Rothschild, the Hambro Life deal marks the latest stage in one of the most remarkable business successes. Since Mr Rothschild split from his cousin Evelyn de Rothschild and the family bank N. M. Rothschild in a widely-publicized disagreement four years ago, he has built a substantial financial conglomerate which now stands comparison with the biggest in the world. The new group does much to meet the demand of the Governor of the Bank of England for "a British securities trading capacity better able to compete in world markets". In Mr Weinberg, the shy Mr Rothschild, whose talents are restlessly entrepreneurial, has a chief executive able and eager to lead this formidable combination in exciting new directions. He has the application Jacob Rothschild lacks.



Mr Jacob Rothschild

THE GROWTH OF JACOB ROTHSCHILDS EMPIRE

Profit before taxation (£'000). Year ended March 31

1979	5,751
1980	7,601
1981	9,109
1982	10,001
1983	13,425
*1983–31 Dec	55,177
†1983–31 Dec	82,277

*Including Charterhouse Group
†Including Allied Hambro Group

SE approach is already outdated

One of the most controversial aspects of the Stock Exchanges' discussion document, due for release today, will be increasing pressure from some members of the governing council and the government departments overseeing the changes that the "big bang" planned for next autumn should become a "super bang." The council had planned that fixed commissions be abolished by autumn 1985 at the latest, but the pace of change has accelerated and there is a growing feeling that all the formal changes should be instituted simultaneously. A once-and-for-all, let's-get-it-over-with attitude is now the ascendant. The abolition of brokers' fixed commissions; the abolition of single capacity; the abolition of restrictions governing outside ownership of members; and the introduction of corporate membership for outside institutions, both foreign and domestic would all be involved.

While such a move would be dependent on a suitable resolution to the problem of a new trading system, the council once again finds itself on a diplomatic tightrope. The authorities, overseeing the changes have made public their aversionto any rules that inhibit free competition. But within that has to come the necessary invester protection, and rules governing corporate membership and the new types of member firms that would result from the abolition of single capacity.

For instance, if the big foreign investment houses in Japan and the United States are not to overwhelm the London markets, how are they to be harnessed within the rules and also free to compete with British institutions?

British banks and institutions have made a promising start to establishing financial service groups able to compete with the main foreign competition (the Weinberg – Jacob Rothschild alliance is the prime case in point. The authorities, at least, view the future with more optimism than most Stock Exchange member firms.

While the Stock Exchange membership will be discussing the points in todays document, the main debate on Britain's financial sector has already moved on from the Stock Exchange to the leaders institutions that use it and have taken up the challenge. How they will adopt to the new trading conditions in both the wholesale and retail markets is now the big issue for the future.

Outlook brighter, says IMF but US holds recovery key

From Peter Wilson-Smith, Washington

The International Monetary Fund has revised upwards its forecasts for world growth and takes a much rosier view of economic prospects, in a new study out today.

The IMF's predictions, contained in its latest world economic outlook to be published in full next month, provide a cheerful backcloth for today's meeting in Washington of its key policy-making body, the Interim Committee. However, the study is littered with caveats and stern warnings about the problems of developing countries and the dangers posed by US fiscal policy.

The IMF says budget deficits in industrial countries and especially the US are a major threat to sustained world growth.

"The single most beneficial change in the world economy in present circumstances would be a perception that the US was taking action to contain and eventually reduce its underlying budget deficit," the IMF says.

Finance ministers are expected to criticize US fiscal policy and the recent rises in dollar interest rates at today's meeting of the Interim Committee. There is concern that rising interests could spark a further round of crises in debtor countries. But it is recognized that little is likely to be achieved until after the US presidential elections, despite proposals put forward by the Administration.

The IMF says the world economy took a decided turn for the better in 1983 because of the marked recovery in North America and, to a lesser extent, the United Kingdom and elsewhere. The fall in inflation to under 5 per cent in the industrialized countries for the first time in 15 years was one of the most encouraging developments in 1983, the IMF says.

It now expects world growth of 3.7 per cent in 1984, well up on the 3.25 per cent it was predicting last autumn.

In the big industrial countries growth will pick up from 2.25 per cent in 1983 to 3.5 per cent this year. Although the pace may slow towards the end of the year, with growth in the fourth quarter running at 3.25 per cent compared with 4.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1983, this largely reflects the passing of the initial bounce-back from recession.

The IMF still expects recovery to continue through into 1985 with different country rates converging as the pace in North America slows to around 4 per cent and recovery elsewhere is moderate.

The high level of real interest rates will remain a damper on the projected growth of output and unemployment rates will stay high.

Unemployment in Britain is expected to stay well above the average of its main competitors, remaining around 12.4 per cent. The IMF is also rather more cautious than the Government about growth and inflation in Britain, foreseeing output up by 2.6 per cent in 1984 and inflation edging up slightly to 5.2 per cent.

Woolworth Comet bid

Woolworth Holdings, Britain's largest high street retailer, last night launched a £177m takeover bid for the Comet Group, the electrical discount house.

The two would have a combind sales of £1.4 billion and command almost 2,000 stores, including a number of big out-of-town sites.

The bid tops a rival £152m bid made on Tuesday by Harris Queensway, this had not yet been agreed by Comet, whose chairman, Mr Michael Hollingbery, last night promised to accept Woolworth's bid with his 30 million shares, representing 30.9 per cent of the equity and valued at £65m.

Woolworth's terms are two of its own shares plus £15 in cash for every 11 Comet shares.

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FT-SE 100 Index:1110.6 up 5.2
FT Index: 886.1 up 7.5
FT Gilts: 82.68 down 0.17
FT All Share: 524.32 up 3.51
Bargains: 24,229
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 112.88 up 0.9
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1138.19 down 0.11
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,939.44 up 24.32
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1088.90 down 7.22
Sydney: AO Index 756.2 down 0.5
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1018.1 up 10 1

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Sterling
$1.4410 up 95pts
Index 80.1 down 0.1
DM 3.76 unchanged
FrF 11.5550 up 0.0050
Yen 321 down 2.0
Dollar
Index 126.3 down 0.9
DM 2.6105 down 0.0125

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling $1.4415
Dollar DM 2.6055

INTERNATIONAL

ECU £0.593868
SDR £0.741024

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 8½
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 8½
3 month interbank 8$^{15}/_{16}$-8$^{13}/_{16}$

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10¾-10⅝
3 month DM 5$^{11}/_{16}$-5$^{9}/_{16}$
3 month Fr F13$^{7}/_{16}$-13$^{5}/_{16}$

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.00
Fed funds 9¼
Treasury long bond 95$^{27}/_{32}$-95$^{31}/_{32}$

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period March 7 to April 3 1983 inclusive: 8.976 per cent.

Euroferries forecasts 15% cuts in fares

By Our Financial Correspondent

Fares on cross-Channel ferries could fall by between 15 and 20 per cent if the Government allows European Ferries to buy Sealink, the company told the Office of Fair Trading yesterday.

Mr Ken Siddle, European Ferries' chairman, said that his company was also likely to make the highest bid for the British Rail ports and ferry subsidiary if it was allowed to enter the bidding.

Mr Siddle and other directors of European Ferries spent the morning at the OFT yesterday to support their efforts to be released from a two-year undertaking not to make any further bid for Sealink, after their first bid three years ago was blocked by the Monopolies Commission.

It also emerged yesterday that European Ferries is also seeking to be released from earlier OFT rulings which effectively bar it from entering pooling arrangements with Continental ferry operators such as Brittany Ferries and SNCF, the state-owned French railway.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank advising British Rail on the privatization of Sealink, has refused to give confidential financial information about the company to European Ferries unless the veto is lifted.

European Ferries admitted yesterday that buying Sealink would increase its market share on the short cross-Channel routes from 34 to 50 per cent of passenger traffic and from 48 to 58 per cent of the tourist car market.

Despite the Government's keenness to conclude the sale of Sealink as soon as possible, the CFT is not expected to give its verdict on whether European Ferries will be allowed to bid until next week at the earliest.

Trafalgar broadside answered by P & O

By Jonathan Clare

A letter, delivered yesterday to Trafalgar House's offices in the West end of London from the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. contained comprehensive replies to all but one of the criticisms levied by Trafalgar House last month when it said it would not be bidding for P&O, at least for the time being.

Trafalgar said last month that it wanted clarification and assurances about P&O's borrowings, pension fund treatment and payments for ships on order.

The list of queries stung P&O's chairman, Mr Jeffrey Sterling, but after mature thought he decided to deal with them calmly and on their merits.

With Mr Eric Parker, Trafalgar's energetic chief executive, on holiday until after Easter and Mr Broackes, the chairman, in France, no quick decision is likely.

The question not answered fully concerns the effect of the Budget proposals on P&O's taxation. P&O believes the changes are of general interest and will be fully explained at next Tuesday's annual meeting.

But Trafalgar has been given a lot of information which will help it decide about P&O's likely future profit trend, including the financing of the Royal Princess cruise liner and the effect of union agreements on foreign crews' pay.

Call for shake-up at ECGD

By John Lawless

The Export Credits Guarantee Department should become a publicly-owned corporation which should also look to the private sector to refinance its cash requirements. This recommendation comes from the committee of inquiry, headed by Sir Peter Matthews, into the role of the department.

Having taken evidence over eight months, the committee notes that the department is heading, at least temporarily, into a substantial cash deficit, which will keep private sector insurers away from taking over its activities.

However, it says that ECGD "as a government department, has a strongly developed and rigidly organized heirarchical structure which means that it is not easy for it to act as a whole in a commercial manner.

The committee, in accepting the argument for a semi-privatization of ECGD's financing, concludes that "there is now a strong case for change of status", which "should lead to a more competitive, entrepreneurial and efficient organization".

Adding a further element of controversy, the committee says that, over the five years to 1983, "all but the largest of ECGD's comprehensive short-term guarantees, taken overall, failed to contribute enough to cover heir share of administrative expenses and of claims payments".

CBI rejects debt plan

By Andrew Cornelius

The Confederation of British Industry said yesterday that it is opposed to the automatic disqualification of directors proposed by the White Paper on Insolvency Law. The CBI said that this would penalize some directors without providing an effective remedy against those who are abusing the system.

The CBI Council meeting in London yesterday approved a paper setting out its formal response to the White Paper and argued that it is important that any idea of wrongful trading should be clearly defined so that directors are aware of the circumstances in which they becaome liable.

The White Paper assumes that there is always mismanagement or mishandling of a company's affairs by directors in a compulsory winding up, said the CBI.

The minority of "irresponsible" directors who abuse the system could easily arrange a voluntary liquidation to ensure that they were not caught by automatic disqualification.

Britain ready to tackle China market

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Britain is set to capitalize on its leadership in offshore techology. Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday.

He was inaugurating the Marathon Brae platform in the North Sea, in a ceremony in which oil technology was matched by telecommunications expertise and shown live to audiences in London, Aberdeen, New York, Houston and Vancouver.

Britain's lead in offshore technology should be capitalized on, and his Department was to form a division aimed at servicing the potential Chinese offshore industry, he said.

"Today's inauguration shows what British industry can do in cooperation with world oil companies," said Mr Walker.

"It also shows that we have established a clear lead in offshore technology

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RTZ profit rises to £575m

Rio Tinto-Zinc, the mining and industrial group, has reported pretax profits of £575.2m (£341m) for 1983, turnover of £4,811m (£3,680.4m) and proposed a final dividend of 12p making 18p (16p last time) for the year.

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● **BRIXTON ESTATES:** Pretax profits rose by 17 per cent to £8.3m, and the recommended final dividend of 2.7p brings the 1983 total to 4.6p (4p). Investment properties total £215m, and net assets, following a £3.4m, revaluation, are worth £132m.

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● **COATS PATRONS,** the Glasgow yarns, cottons, fabrics and Jaeger knitwear group, has turned in record profits of £87m against £77.3m. But Coats has again experienced the effects of the weak South American economies which have made investors cautious.

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● **BURMAH OIL** is recommending a final dividend of 6.25p, making a total distribution for the year to December 31, 1983, of 9.75p (9p). On sales of £1.58bn, pretax profits are down from £81m to £79m. But earnings rise from 18.3p to 24.65p.

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GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $382.80 pm $384.50
close $383.50-384 (£266.25-267.75)
New York (latest): $383.95
Krugerrand* (per coin): $395-396 (£274.25-275.25)
Sovereigns* (new): $90-91 (£62.50-63.25)
*Excludes VAT

Pressure over changes

The Government is facing renewed pressure to clarify its draft legislation on controlled foreign companies. It has already announced that amendments to the Finance Bill will be tabled, but is now being pressed by British multinationals to make further changes.

The controlled foreign company legislation is designed to prevent British companies avoiding tax on their operations in overseas havens, and if the proposals are enacted would mean that profits earned abroad will be subject to British corporation tax, unless certain strict criteria are met.

Multinationals will be hardest hit and Rio Tinto-Zinc, the mining and industrial group, could suffer substantially if the draft legislation is not clarified. Its overseas exploration companies could make both an accounting and a tax loss in the local country, but since mining expenditure is not allowable for British tax purposes, a liability could arise when the tax charge is recomputed.

Thatcher adviser criticizes long-term 'failure'

Industry policy attacked

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

The industrial strategy of British governments over the last 20 years has been "an expensive and time-consuming" failure, Mr John Redwood, one of Mrs Thatcher's closest advisers, says in a new and remarkably vehement book published today.

Mr Redwood is a merchant banker who is now head of the Prime Minister's Downing Street policy unit. He devotes the 144 pages of *Going for British* to a sustained and trenchant assault on the record of the Department of Industry (now amalgamated with the Department of Trade) under both Labour and Conservative governments – including the present one. He criticizes the Thatcher government for allowing itself to be side-tracked from its fundamentally non-interventionist beliefs. Publication of this attack seems certain to ruffle feathers at Westminster and in Whitehall.

In handling the nationalized industries, for example, Mr Redwood says of the Department of Industry has always been to keep the big integrated corporations such as British Leyland, British Shipbuilders and British Steel intact as single entitites, and bail them out whenever trouble loomed. Its technique has been to find a single "superstar" such as Sir Michael Edwardes or Mr Ian MacGregor, and rely on him to sort the industries out, even though the task is probably too big for one man.

"The departmnent cannot argue that the strategy has failed through want of trying or through want of support from public funds," Mr Redwood concludes." Yet the truth is that it has failed to deliver on jobs, profits or success. It is time that some wiser councel was allowed to prevail".

The department's attempts to "pick winners" for the taxpayer to invest in – a process that culminated in the National Enterprise Board under the last Labour Government – has proved equally unsuccessful, Mr Redwood says. The department's approach has been "not very professional" and it has too often fallen prey to "the fast-talking politically-slanted pressure of a few entrepreneurs" such as Mr John De Lorean.

Mr Redwood's conclusion is: "Looking at the whole record of Governments' involvement in industry the conclusion to which one has to come is that it would be better if they did not intervene at all".

Going for Broke by John Redwood. Basil Blackwell. £15.00 hardback; £4.95p paperback.

Whitbread buys £6m TVS stake

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

European Ferries Group's stake in Television South has been bought by Whitbread & Company, representing an investment of about £6.5m.

Whitbread is the third big brewer to buy into the television sector: Bass has a 25 per cent stake in Yorkshire Television and Vaux Breweries holds 20 per cent of Tyne Tees Television.

European Ferries had 20 per cent of the TVS voting shares and 19.7 per cent of the ordinary shares.

Mr Ken Siddle, the chairman of European Ferries, said: "This development reflects the continuation of our corporate strategy of concentrating and increasing our management and financial resources in the shipping, harbour and property sectors." The company has had a substantial interest in TVS from its beginning.

For Whitbread it is an extension to its policy of developing wider leisure interests, said Mr Charles Tidbury, Whitbread's chairman.

With the beer market still comparatively flat many brewers have been diversifying their interests. Vaux has reported its Tyne Tees investment to have been a good one particularly since it stands at a substantial premium since Tyne Tees secred a quote on the Unlisted Secrities Market.

In brief

● HADEN PROFITS FALL: Haden, the engineering and paint equipment group, suffered its first profits decline in five years in 1983. Turnover fell from £282m to £269m and pretax profits from £8.6m to £6m. This was because of unexpected losses in the US, losses in France, and pressure on margins in other parts of the business. Rationalization has *cost the group £2.3m. The total* net dividend being held at 8.62p a share.

● HUTCHISON WHAMPOA (of Hongkong): Company will offer shareholders new ordinary shares in lieu of all or part of special cash dividend of $H4.00 a share, announced on March 28.

● PEARL ASSURANCE: Total dividend for 1983 up from 27.5p to 33p a share. Net profit £16.79m (£13.53m).

● PITNEY BOWES: In 1983, pretax profits of this Essex-based nailing and business equipment companuy rose by 34 per cent to £5.4m. Turnover: £44m, up 15 per cent.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

S Africans 'poised to take Distillers stake'

By Michael Clark

Rembrandt Group, the big South African tobacco, brewing and financial services combine may be about to emerge as a 5 per cent plus shareholder in the Distillers Company, according to the more plausible stock market rumours swirling around the Scotch whisky company's shares yesterday.

A growing conviction that there is a predator or big shareholder lurking in the wings put 10p on the DCL share price taking it to a 1984 high of 282p. At this level the group is valued at just over £1 billion.

Dr Anton Rupert, of Rembrandt, one of the world's most powerful and secretive industrialists, and a frequent visitor to London, has the financial muscle to handle such a price, but the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would also want to take a close look at the prospect of such an important British export earner falling into South African hands.

Rembrandt watcher Mr Richard Stuart of the Johannesburg stock broking firm Martin & Co. says: "DCL is just the sort of company that Dr Rupert might have his eye on. It would be a natural for him with its strong brand image worldwide. But the rumour here was that he would be going for a financial institution either in Britain or South Africa".

Swedish paint group AB Wilh Becker must decide today if it wants to increase its offer of 75p a share for Donald Macpherson following the rival bid of 110.3p a share from Yule Catto. Yesterday shares of Macpherson slipped 1p to 112p despite growing speculation that a third party may already be sniffing round. Becker has given notice that it may sell any or all of its 900,000 Macpherson shares after 4.45 p.m. today.

The rest of the equity market decided to extend its run, still cheered by the Chancellor's optimistic comments earlier in the week. The FT index rose 7.5 to 886.1 – for a two-day gain of 18.9 – while the new FT-SE 100 added 5.2 to 1110.6.

Dealers reported increased turnover after the overnight rally on Wall Street as some steady two-way business developed. Sentiment was again helped by encouraging figures from some of our larger companies and takover activity also served to keep interest on the boil. Among the leaders, **Beecham** rose 5p to 321p, **Bowater** 5p to 319p, **GEC** 3p to 208p, **Grand Metropolitan** 6p to 336p, **ICI** 8p to 594p, **Imperial Group** 3p to 145p, **Lucas Industries** 6p to 218p and **Vickers** 3p to 168p. **Marks and Spencer** rallied 4p to 255p ahead of figures on May 1. There are suggestions in the market that several analysts have been downgrading their earlier forecasts ahead of next week's retail sales figures which are expected to make gloomy reading. Analysts had been looking for around £280m for the year against £237m last time, but this figure may be as low as £275m.

Government stocks continued to take exception to the disappointing money supply figures issued earlier this week, opening with falls of up to £½ in modest trade. But a small rally by the pound on the foreign exchange saw the losses halved by the close, with prices in longs down around £¼.

Sun Life has converted a £3m loan to **Guinness Mahon** into a 2.5 per cent share stake in **Guinness Peat**. Sun Life received 4.33 million Peat shares which rose 1p to 58p.

Charterhouse J. Rothschild's bid for **Hambro Life** focused attention on the rest of the life insurance market. **Brittanic** advanced 8p to 481p, **Equity & Law** 5p to 777p, **Legal & General** 2p to 483p, **London & Manchester** 13p to 461p, **Pearl Assurance** 17p to 809p and **Refuge Assurance** 5p to 441p.

Newarthill rose 10p to 545p after revealing pretax profits for the year to October 31, 1983, up from £14.8m to £15m on sales reduced from £271.7m to £284.9m. Earnings are up from 60.9p to 68.9p and the board is recommending a dividend of 10 per cent.

The high street banks were again mixed, with **Barclays** down 3p at 489p and **National Westminster** 5p at 652p, while **Lloyds** rose 5p to 614p and **Midland** 3p to 382p.

Still reflecting recent figures, **Boase Massimi**, the advertising agency, climbed 42p to 465p as **Taylor Woodrow** closed 25p dearer at 745p. In breweries, **Whitbread** advanced 7p to 158p after paying £6.5m for **European Ferries** 20 per cent stake in TVS. **Bass** attracted support climbing 5p to 363p after publication of the annual report.

Diamond Stylus rose 8p to 45p on speculative demand, but the company says it knows of no reason for the sudden flurry of activity. The US company **Katy Industries Inc** already owns a near 30 per cent stake. The group, which makes diamond-tipped stylus, has seen a steady decline in profits over the past three years.

Radiant Metal also enjoyed some active support after **Selective Investments** announced it has bought a 13.3 per cent stake.

BRP Securities, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Bajan**, now owns 347,000 old shares and 641,000 new shares in **Glanfield Lawrence**, the Vauxhall main dealer. It controls 18.6 per cent of the capital. Glanfield hardened 2p on the news to 46p.

Shares of **Albert Martin**, the textile group which is a main supplier to **Marks Spencer**, slipped 1p to 56p yesterday but remains comfortably above the proposed 42p a share offer from **Jefferson**, the textile group. Mr S Ling, managing director of **Martin Emprex (Far East)**, a subsidiary of Martin, has bought 10,000 shares at 55p. This takes his total holding up to 430,000 shares, or 5.1 per cent.

Biomechanics International, the USM quoted group which has developed a system for neutralising industrial waste, held steady at 58p yesterday having hit a low of 38p last week. Northcote, the broking firm which brought the group to market is encouraged by the progress being made and reckons the present share price underestimates its development potential. The shares were originally placed at 50p and at one time hit a high of 122p.

Savoy Hotel 'A' held steady at 288p after the directors issued a statement replying to recent press comment, making it clear that the retirement next month of Sir Hugh Wontner as chairman will not alter the determination of the company to remain independent. In 1981 The Savoy fought off a bid from **Trusthouse Forte** which still owns 68 per cent of the shares, but only 42 per cent of the votes. Trusthouse closed 11p higher at 237p.

Equity turnover on April 10, was £287.226m (20,514 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded amounted to 170.3 million. Gilt bargains totalled 3,300.

Completion delays hit dance group

By Andrew Cornelius

Delays in completing the £1.5m projects to build new dance centres in Kensington, west London, and on Broadway in New York, mean that the investments will not make a substantial contribution to profits at Pineapple Dance Studios in the current year ending July 31.

Mr Norris Masters, finance director of Pineapple and cofounder of the business with his wife Debbie Moore, said yesterday that the £1.3m New York project would be finished by July. He added that the new dance centre would open in phases. A store, restaurant and one dance studio would open next month, with four more studios opening by June and the remainder of the project to be completed by July.

Building work at the new "posh" Pineapple centre in Kensington which is costing £150,000 to deveolp in a joint venture with Charterhouse and Electra Risk Capital will be completed within the next two months. However bookings at the Kensigton centre which tend to be made one week in advance are ahead of budget.

Pretax profits at Pineapple for the six months to January 31 increased from £59,000 at the same stages last year to £77,000 this time.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

After a quiet session, the pound ended yesterday quietly firm at 1.4410 and about a cent up on Tuesday night's 1.4315 against the dollar after 1.4325 early on. Its trade-weighted level shaded 0.1 to 80.1, which was calculated before a late upturn over some currencies. Sterling edged higher in terms of the Swiss franc, 3.1200 (3.1100), and French franc, 11.5550 (11.5500), and held steady against the Deutschemark, 3.7600, but gave ground to the strong yen at 321.00 (325.30).

Impressed with Japan's latest trade surplus and economic performance, a good demand developed for the yen, which jumped to 222.00 before ending 2.5 up at 222.80 to the dollar.

The currency also strengthened elsewhere, though some gains were out of proportion to actual business.

MONEY MARKETS

The Bank of England met with greater degree of success in taking out the shortage yesterday. It bought £217m of bills at established intervention rates in the morning and a further £27m in the afternoon. This total operation of £244m compared with the forecast of about £300m shortage.

Closing conditions were, therefore, much less tight than on Tuesday. During the morning, houses were able to tempt money out at 8¾ per cent or 8½ per cent. Towards the end of the day, rates came off and balances were seen in places down to 7½ per cent after the second bill operation. Closing levels were in the range of 8½ to 7½ per cent.

TEMPUS

RTZ's figures leave followers perplexed

Rio Tinto-Zinc continues to confound its followers. The final figures fell short of the most optimistic forecasts and the share price was duly sent tumbling by 34p to 677p. This reaction was perhaps a little galling for RTZ's management, which had steered the group to a 70 per cent increase in pretax profit.

The company continues to operate behind a curtain of commercial confidentiality which is occasionally drawn back to throw a glimpse of light on its intentions. RTZ is still committed to an acquistion policy designed to extend its interests in oil and gas, but will give no indication of potential targets.

It has designs on North Sea oil and gas, it would be interested in Wytch Farm if the contract was to come up for grabs again, but it is more likely to end up buying into the US where, incidentally, Tricentrol, always a potential target for RTZ, has put its onshore oil operations up for sale.

RTZ is also committed to reducing its stake in CRA, its Australian mining and metals subsidiary, but is will not say when. The company owns 53 per cent of CRA, and under an agreement with the Australian Government is obliged to reduce its holding to 49 per cent.

RTZ spurned the chance to reduce its holding to 49 per cent this time last year, when CRA made its rights issue, preferring to move down from 57 per cent to 53 per cent and retain CRA's debt in its balance sheet. The RTZ gearing position is such that if metal prices rise then the return on capital improves. Although prices are not that good at the moment, RTZ is reluctant to amend its gearing position substantially, by losing CRA from its consolidated accounts, at least for the time being.

A disagreement with the auditors over the presentation of foreign exchange losses on long term borrowings has been settled amicably, with the £25.2m loss being shown as a separate item after net profit attributable to shareholders alongside extraordinary items. RTZ felt that the figures would have been distorted if the loss had been taken before striking net profit.

Coats Patons

Coats Patons' exposure to the debt-ridden and inflation-racked economies of South America has again caused some head-shaking among the analysts. Yesterday's profits were extremely good, far better than even the most bullish of estimates, which helped to drive the share price up to a record 126p.

But closer scrutiny of the results showing South American turnover down by a quarter and profits down by more than £9m to £26.5m brought the price back to earth with a bump, closing at 107p.

In fact, Coats is confident that its South American problems are more apparent than real: it has not had to put a penny into the continent for 20 years and there is no problem remitting profits. On the other hand, the South American economies are likely to get worse before they get better.

The figures are also distorted by the enforced treatment of Venezuela as an associate. Now, if only Coats could treat all its South American interests as associates its results would look much prettier in City eyes.

The shops and fashion businesses – Jeager and Country Casuals – substantially improved their profits from £9.5m to £11.2m. The big drive will come in Jaeger's international side – it has already bought a chain of shops in West Germany. It plans to build up the Jaeger shops in North America from 60 to 200 by 1987.

Coats still has its pacemaker company and the Vascutex artificial artery company which are "making money". There is also an electronic component distributor. But do not be surprised if Coates, which has decided it must concentrate on the business it knows best, sells off all three.

Burmah

Burmah Oil produced its usual portfolio of horror stories yesterday, and it is possible to perm any number of lines from the 1983 figures and still experience the same frisson.

Tankers? Losses on VLCC contracts were £18½m and taken below the line, bring the grand total of extraordinary debits since 1981 to nearly £90m. North Sea oil? Thistle production fell 11 per cent last year and oil profits should decline even faster this year to around £20m (1982: £48½m).

With Quinton Hazell still up for sale, although profits last year dropped 40 per cent to £3m, and borrowings on the rise by £35m to £239m, it does not seem unreasonable to question the merit of paying a higher 1983 dividend of 9.75p (9p). Burmah shares shed 4p to 187p.

But the Burmah line suggests that the dividend high reflects improving prospects. Theoretically, the problems of the tanker fleet are at an end. Oil exploration is in the equation for very little, while both Lubricants and Speciality Chemicals are still cum growth. Hence the much vaunted diversification programme out of North Sea oil still lives. Assuming Burmah has concluded its flirtation with extraordinary debits, 1984 earnings might rise to £40m.

Such is the pro-forma picture and shareholders are being rewarded in advance. But if the projections fail? Then presumably the Burmah board activate the second option, and ask shareholders for more money to curb borrowings.

Brixton Estates

A graph recording letting inquiries hangs somewhere in the offices of Brixton Estates, and the chart is used as a proxy for Britain's industrial confidence. After months of despair, the graph turned up last September, slumped in November, convalesced in January, and is now roaring ahead so strongly that tentative phone calls are turning into hard lettings – five in the last fortnight.

With 1983 earnings ahead by 17 per cent, and gearing still low, cheap and funded – borrowings are about two-thirds of equity, post last year's £3.4m property revaluation – Brixton is sufficiently inspired by the chart, and other findings, to push ahead with its developent programme (1983: £20m.)

But the group also gave warning that as purveyors of first class industrial sites to blue chip industrial covenants in the South East, the group graph may fail to pick up what is actually happening to industry north of Milton Keynes. At 123p, up 1p yesterday, the discount on net asset value is about a quarter.

£2.6m turnround at Empire Stores

By Philip Robinson

Empire Stores (Bradford), whose merger talks with Grattan and Sears Holdings were cut short last year by an abortive takeover from Great Universal Stores, yesterday reported a large turnround in profits.

For the year to January 28 last, Empire has turned a £1.1m loss into a £1.52m pretax profit on a turnover up from £142m to £153m. Sales have gone up by 3 per cent in volume and 5 per cent in value.

Mr John Gratwick, chairman, said the board was confident of "a substantial profits improvement in the current year."

At the trading level last year profits rose from £412,000 to £2.91m, but borrowings remained high

The group is paying total dividends this year of 1.25p against the nominal 0.1p last time. The shares jumped 4p to 94p.

As a result of Great Universal abortive bid, the group has to reduce its Empire stake to below 10 per cent within eight months. A £3.7m capital injection, involving the issue of new shares to two Italian companies, diluted the stake in January to 26 per cent.

Smiths Industries continues recovery

By Ian Griffiths

Smiths Industries, which has shed its automotive products image to concentrate on aerospace and medical companies, has continued recovery to report pretax profits of £14.6m for the first six months to January 28.

This is a 53 per cent increase on the £9.5m at the same stage last year.

The medical companies continued to progress and, although the aerospace division had reduced profits, these two sectors accounted for more than 65 per cent of profits.

The radical change in the group's activities and emphasis is now complete. Problems in South Africa have been resolved and, after the rationalization programme there, last year losses have been eliminated.

The cutbacks in South Africa were the reason for the fall in turnover from £183.3m to £178.4m.

The change in corporate structure will also result in a shift in the profit profile. In future the weighting profits being made in the last six months of the year will be less marked, although the company said that current profits are continuing ahead of those in 1983 and profits for the second half are likely improve

The directors have proposed an interim divided of 4.75p, up from 4p this time last year. For the full year to July 1983, pretax profits are £26.84m, with a total dividend of 11.5p.

WALL STREET

Dow continues climb

New York – Stock prices continued an improvement that began the previous day but volume remained light in early trading.

The Dow Jones Industrial average, which climbed 4.40 points on Tuesday, was up another 3½ to 1142. In the broader market, gainers led losers about five to three. Volume was around 6 million shares in the first 15 minutes of trading.

Coopervision, which rose sharply on Tuesday on takeover speculation, was up another ⅛ to 16¾.

Meanwhile, in Washington the Senate rejected a prosed amendment to postpone until 1988 the indexing of tax rates.

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AMF Inc	13½	13⅝	Fst Intrst Bncp	39	38⅛	PPG Ind	27⅜	28⅛
AMR	33¾	30⅞	Fst Penn Corp	6⅞	6⅞	Procter Gamble	47½	47⅜
Allied Chem	50⅛	49⅞	Ford	34	35⅜	Pub Ser El & Gas	21⅛	21
Allied Stores	39⅜	39⅞	GAF Corp	15½	15⅜	Raytheon	37⅜	37½
Allis Chalmers	11⅜	12⅛	GTE Corp	37⅞	37⅜	RCA Corp	33⅜	33¼
Alcoa	37	37⅛	Gen Dynamics	45½	44⅛	Republic Steel	31⅛	30⅛
Amax Inc	26⅝	26⅜	Gen Electric	51¼	51½	Reynolds Ind	47	46⅜
Amerada Hess	30	29⅜	Gen Foods	48⅜	47⅜	Reynolds Metal	34½	34½
Am Brands	54	54¼	Gen Mills	46⅜	46¼	Rockwell Int	25	24⅞
Am Broadcast	55⅞	55⅜	Gen Motors	63⅜	63	Royal Dutch	51⅛	51⅛
Am Can	46	45	Gen Pub Util NY	7⅞	8	Safeways	23⅜	23½
Am Cyanamid	45⅞	45½	Gen Tire	32⅞	32½	St Regis Paper	41	40⅜
Am Elec Power	16½	16¼	Genesco	6⅛	6	SFE Sopac	23½	23⅜
Am Home	52⅞	52⅜	Georgia Pacific	23⅜	23	SCM	38⅞	38½
Am Motors	4⅝	4⅝	Getty Oil	127½	127½	Schlumberger	52	51⅞
Am Nat Res	47⅛	46⅞	Gillette	47	46⅞	Scott Paper	29⅛	28⅜
Am Standard	27⅞	28¼	Goodrich	35⅜	34⅞	Seagram	32⅞	32⅜
Am Telephone	15¼	15⅛	Goodyear	26⅜	25⅜	Sears Roebuck	30⅜	30⅜
Armco Steel	19⅛	19	Gould Inc	26⅜	26⅜	Shell Oil	57⅞	57⅞
Asarco	32⅜	32	Grace	41	40⅜	Shell Trans	36	36
Ashland Oil	27¼	27⅛	Gt Atltc & Pacific	14⅛	14⅛	Signal Co	28⅜	28⅜
Atlntic Richfield	46⅛	46⅞	Greyhound	20½	20⅞	Singer	26⅜	26⅜
Avco	28	28	Grumman Corp	24	23⅞	Smithkline Beck	54	53⅜
Avon Products	20⅜	20¼	Gulf Oil	78	77⅛	Sony	18⅛	18⅛
Bankers Tst NY	40⅞	41	Gulf & West	32⅞	32½	Sth Cal Edison	35¼	35½
Bank of America	19⅜	19⅛	Heinz H. J.	34⅞	33½	Sperry Corp	38⅜	38⅜
Bank of Boston	36¼	35¾	Hercules	33½	33⅜	Std Oil California	37⅞	37
Bank of NY	28⅞	27⅝	Honeywell	55⅜	55⅜	Std Oil Indiana	54½	54⅜
Beatrice Foods	31¼	31	IC Inds	42⅜	40⅜	Std Oil Ohio	48	47⅞
Bethlehem Steel	26⅞	25⅞	Ingersoll	49	49⅜	Sterling Drug	26⅜	26⅜
Boeing	37⅛	37⅛	Inland Steel	27⅞	27¼	Stevens J. P.	18⅜	18¼
Boise Cascade	40⅜	39¾	IBM	110	109⅞	Sun Comp	55	54⅜
Borden	54½	54⅜	Int Harvester	8	7⅞	Teledyne	158⅞	158½
Borg Warner	18¼	18½	INCO	14⅛	14⅛	Tenneco	42	41⅞
Bristol Myers	46⅜	46⅜	Int Paper	53½	52⅞	Texaco	38⅜	38⅜
BP	27¼	27⅛	Int Tel Tel	39⅜	40	Texas East Corp	67⅞	68⅜
Burlington Ind	27	27½	Irving Bank	57	57½	Texas Inst	129⅞	128⅜
Burlington Nthn	41	40¾	Jewel Co	49⅛	49⅜	Texas Utilities	23⅜	22⅞
Burroughs	49½	49	Jim Walter	34½	34⅛	Textron	30	29⅜
Campbell Soup	63⅞	63	Johnson & John	36	35⅞	TWA	27⅜	27⅛
Canadian Pacific	33½	33⅛	Kaiser Alumin	17⅛	17	Travelers Corp	34⅛	34
Caterpillar	50⅜	49⅜	Kerr McGee	31	30⅛	TRW Inc	63⅞	63½
Celanese	71½	71½	Kimberly Clark	87⅞	88⅜	UAL Inc	29⅜	29½
Central Soya	15⅛	15⅛	K Mart	28	28⅜	Union Carbide	54⅜	54⅛
Chase Manhat	46⅜	46⅜	Kroger	39⅜	39⅜	Union Oil Calif	35⅜	35⅜
Chem Bank NY	42⅞	42⅞	L.T.V. Corp	17⅞	17½	Un Pacific Corp	48½	48⅜
Chrysler	23⅞	24	Litton	63⅜	63	Uniroyal	12⅜	11½
Citicorp	33¾	33	Lockheed	34½	33⅞	United Brands	16½	16½
Clark Equip	33¼	33⅞	Lucky Stores	16⅞	18	US Industries	23⅛	23
Coca Cola	55½	54	Manuf Hanover	34	33⅛	US Steel	28⅜	28⅜
Colgate	21⅞	21¼	Manville Cp	10⅜	10⅜	Utd Technol	63⅜	63⅜
CBS	69½	69	Mapco	27	25½	Wachovia	44⅛	43⅜
Columbia Gas	36	36	Marine Midland	22⅜	22⅞	Warner Comms	22½	23⅜
Combustion Eng	30	30	Martin Marietta	33⅜	32⅜	Warner Lambert	33⅜	33⅜
Comwlth Edison	22⅝	22⅜	McDonnell	48⅞	48⅞	Wells Fargo	36⅜	36⅜
Cons Edison	23⅞	23⅜	Mead	36⅜	35⅜	Westghse Elec	44⅛	44⅜
Cons Foods	29⅝	29⅜	Merck	93⅜	92⅜	Weyerhauser	29⅜	29⅞
Cons Power	9	9	Minnesota Mng	72	72⅜	Whirlpool	40½	40⅜
Continental Grp	33	33	Mobil Oil	30	30	Woolworth	30⅜	30⅞
Control Data	34⅛	34⅞	Monsanto	89⅜	90	Xerox Corp	40	39⅞
Corning Glass	64½	64½	Morgan J. P.	65	65⅛	Zenith	27	27¼
CPC Intnl	36⅜	36⅜	Motorola	117¼	116⅞			
Crane	33⅝	33¼	NCR Corp	104¼	105¼			
Crocker Int	27	27	NL Industries	16⅜	16⅞	**Canadian Prices**		
Crown Zeller	36⅜	36⅜	Nabisco	41⅛	41⅛			
Dart & Kraft	72⅜	72⅜	Nat Distillers	26⅜	26⅜	Abitibi	25½	25⅜
Deere	33⅜	32⅝	Nat Med Ent	19⅜	19½	Alcan Alumin	41⅛	41
Delta Air	33¼	32⅞	Norfolk South	58½	57⅞	Algoma Steel	25½	25
Detroit Edison	12½	12⅝	NW Bancorp	29	29½	Bell Telephone	22⅜	22¼
Disney	66⅜	66⅝	Occidental Pet	31½	31⅞	Cominco	53½	52½
Dow Chemical	30⅞	31½	Ogden	25½	25⅜	Cons Bathurst	27⅜	27⅜
Dresser Ind	21¼	21⅞	Olin Corp	27½	27⅜	Gulf Oil	17⅛	17⅜
Duke Power	23⅞	23⅝	Owens-Illinois	36⅜	36⅜	Hawker/Sid Can	15	16
Du Pont	47¼	47	Pacific Gas Elec	12⅞	13⅛	Imasco	35	35
Eastern Air	5⅜	5⅜	Pan Am	6⅛	6⅛	Imperial Oil	33⅛	33⅛
Eastman Kodak	64	63	Penney J. C.	48⅜	48⅜	Int Pipe	27½	27½
Eaton Corp	47⅞	47¼	Pennzoil	37⅜	38¼	Mass.-Fergsn	4⅞	4⅞
Esmark	41⅜	40⅞	Pepsico	38⅜	38⅜	Royal Trustco	24	24
Evans P. D.	6⅜	6⅜	Pfizer	33⅜	34	Seagram	42⅜	42
Exxon Corp	36¼	36⅜	Phelps Dodge	26	25¼	Steel Co	28½	28
Fed Dept Stores	46⅝	46⅞	Philip Morris	65⅞	65	Thomson N 'A'	30⅜	30⅜
Firestone	17⅞	17⅜	Phillips Petrol	40	39⅜	Walker Hiram	23⅜	23½
Fst Chicago	22½	22¼	Polaroid	26	25⅜	WCT	14½	14½

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Tax hits United Parcels

United Parcels, the express deliveries group, has made a £6.2m provision for deferred tax following budget changes. It is providing £1.18m for the present year and £5.1m for previous years.

The provision was announced yesterday along with the group's final results for the year to January 28, 1984, which showed that pretax profits had risen from £6.7m to £7.7m on a turnover up from £53.6m to £60.7m The group has lifted the total dividend, payment for the year from 2.55p to 2.8p, but the shares lost 7p to 116p.

The group says there seems no let up likely in the rate cutting which hit the parcels companies last year. However, the group says it is confident of the company's performance.

In brief

● MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR COMPANY has completed its first full year of profits since 1978 with a dramatic turnround in trading fortunes which saw 1982's losses of £13.6m turn into pretax profits of £7.47m for 1983. The results were achieved on group turnover which increased form £55.5m to £56.9m. Redundancy payments during the year were much lower, at £7.3m than 1982, when payments totalled £35.5m.

● LONDON AND CONTINENTAL ADVERTISING: For the fifth successive year, record profits and a higher dividend are reported. Pretax profits for 1983 rose by 41 per cent to £579,000 on turnover 53 per cent up at £3.4m. Interim payment 0.3p (0.2p). Current year has started extremely well.

● ABACO INVESTMENTS has bought 20 per cent of John Charcol, a mortgage broker. Sum of £180,000 has been paid; balance will not exceed £270,000. Abaco has an option to buy another 10 per cent, for up to £225,000, within three months after completion of 1984 audit.

● ALBERT FISHER GROUP: Half-year to Feb. 29, 1984 (including F. J. Need (Crewe) and the Long Group): Turnover £18.88m (14.11m). Pretax profits £411,000 (£55,000). Interim dividend of 0.5p (nil last time). Board predicts final of 1p, making 1.5p (1p last time).

● S. CASKET (HOLDINGS): Half-year to Dec. 31, 1983. Sales £10.42m (£10.56m). Pretax profit £451,000 (£281,000). Interim payment up from 0.5p to 0.7p a share, to reduce disparity between payments. Board expects substantial profit increase for full year.

● I. J. DEWHIRST HOLDINGS: Total dividend for year to Jan. 13, 1984, raised from 1.01p adjusted, to 1.2p a share. Turnover £33.69m (£27.39m). Pretax profit £3.41m (£2.92m). One-for-four scrip issue proposed.

● FOTHERGILL & HARVEY: Turnover for 1983 £25.65m (£22.14m). Pretax profit £1.9m (£1.47m). Total dividend 7.75p (6p). Board is confident of an increase in profits in 1984.

● DARES ESTATES: Turnover for 1983 £9.82m (£4.08m). Pretax profit £1.3m (£766,000). Total dividend 1.35p (1.25p). Prospects for current year in Britain and the US are most encouraging.

● HAW PAR BROS. INTERNATIONAL: Turnover for 1983 $M252.22m ($M289.28m). Group net profit attributable $M23.75m (about £8m), against $M21.71m.

● OILFIELD INSPECTION SERVICES (USM quote): Turnover for 1983 £14.99m (£11.76m). Pretax profit £1.38m (£1.35m). Total dividend 2.65p (2.3p).

● HESTAIR: Turnover for year to Jan. 31, 1984, £89.65m (£69.38m). Pretax profit £2.63m (£2.15m). Total dividend 3.57p (3.25p). Board expects to see further profit growth in 1984.

● EXPAMET INTERNATIONAL: Turnover for 1983 £33.37m (£27.86m). Pretax profit £2.78m (£1.95m). Total dividend 4.75p (4.5p).

● WADE POTTERIES: Half-year to Jan. 31, 1984. Sales £6.61m (£5.67m). Pretax profit £366,000 (£261,000). Interim dividend 0.6p (0.55p). Board considers year's profits should show a reasonable improvement.

● WM. LOW: Turnover for 28 weeks to March 17, 1984, £79.65m (£68.85m). Pretax profit £2.32m (£1.89m). Interim payment 2.9p (2.5p). Outlook for remainder of year is encouraging.

● MARSTON, THOMPSON & EVERSHED: Recommended offers for ordinary capital of Border Breweries unconditional as to acceptances. Marston has acquired, or agreed to acquire, 50.81 per cent of Border's ordinary.

● SOVEREIGN OIL AND GAS: Turnover for 1983 £6.82m (£173,000). Pretax profit £3.36m (£182,500).

Profits leap at French Connection

By Jonathan Clare

French Connection Group, the fashion business brought to the Unlisted Securities Market last October, has both comfortably beaten its profits forecast and come up with the expected US deal.

The deal will more than double the size of the company and give a substantial boost to results.

Mr Stephen Marks, the chairman who built up the group from nothing, said yesterday that the company made £3.3m last year – considerably better both than the forecast £2.8m and the City's bullish estimates of about £3m.

French Connection is buying half of Best of All Clothing, which imports French Connection womenswear into the US, from Mr Michael Axelrod.

The still-to-be-specified price for Best of All Clothing will is expected to be about £3m and be settled half in cash and half in French Connection shares, valued on an agreed formula.

French Connection says it expects profits of about $6m (£4.2m) by Best of All Clothing for the year to June which is rather more than analysts expect the British company to make. The likelihood is that French Connection will buy up the other 50 per cent of the company at some stage.

French Connection is paying a 2.6p final dividend as forecast. The US deal will increase earnings per share, possibly by as much as 50 per cent, from 13.4p reported yesterday to 20p.

North Sea challenge remains, 20 years on

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The first phase of North Sea oil and gas development has ended with £30billion being spent and with the potential nowhere near exhausted, according to a report carried out by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

The report, which coincides with the 20th anniversary of the passing of the Continental Shelf Act which launched the North Sea oil industry, says that a watershed has been reached. The first phase has ended by the second – "in many ways more challenging" – is only just beginning.

The main points of the report show first that the initial phase has cost the British oil industry £30billion.

Secondly, since all major oil fields, probably have been discovered by now the key to the future will be the development of 60 to 90 smaller fields at a cost of between £50billion and £60billion.

And thirdly, since it is estimated that half the world's future oil discoveries will be made offshore British industry is well placed to win export contracts

The report also sounds a note of warning to some: "Those firms who missed the boat the first time round should be encouraged not to do so again."

The study has been commissioned by Shell UK on behalf of its North Sea exploration operation, which in partnership with Esso has so far invested £11billion in the North Sea. Shell which is producing a third of Britain's oil and gas will be investing in the North Sea this year at a rate of £2.7m a day and will have spent a total of £18billion by 1989.

Dr John Jennings, managing director of Shell UK Exploration and Production, said: "Today British firms and British-based subsidiaries of foreign firms accountt for some 73 per cent of all North Sea related expenditure and in the process of UK economy benifits substantially. However, it can be argued that British industry generally, and British-owned firms in particular, have missed some opportunities and should have secured a greater share of certain sectors of this market.

"It is vital that existing and potential British suppliers understand the full extent of the opportunity that his second development phase in the North Sea presents. In addition there is considerable potential. Last year some £21billion was spent offshore throughout the world, excluding the North Sea."

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy Minister who has been actively pressing the British industry to win a larger share of oil industry spending worldwide, said: "I consider the publication of this report particularly timely."

The North Sea and British Industry: the New Opportunities. Price £11.50 The Economist Intelligence Unit, 27 St James's Place, London. A condensed version is avialable free from Shell UK Ltd., Shell-Mex House, Strand London WC2R ODX.

Opportunity lies East, says trade council

By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

Opportunities for British exports to Eastern Europe are greater today than for some years, the government-financed East European Trade Council said yesterday.

In a report designed to encourage companies to look to Easton Europe for new business, the council says the political atmosphere shows signs of improving and the East European economies, helped by the move out of recession in the West, should be able to boost their hard currency earnings. This would relax the constraints imposed by debt servicing and enable them to expand imports from the West.

The report says East European indebtness is falling and the Easton block as a whole is now running a healthy trade surplus of $7 billion in 1983 while the remaining East European countries managed, mainly by cutting back on imports, to transform a $4 billion deficit in 1981 into a $1.5 billion surplus in 1983.

But the EETC warns that indebtedness remains a serious problem, especially for Poland and to a lesser extent Romania, and the East European attitude towards imports of Western goods and technology is bound to continue to be constrained and cautious.

It also says companies must be prepared to face demands for counter-trading (accepting directly or indirectly the country's products in exchange), though it points out that the bulk of trade with Eastern Europe is on the normal cash / credit basis.

The report identifies the biggest opportunities for new business as agriculture ("anything from land improvement to food packaging"), energy (from mining machinery to power generation) and labour efficiency (including automation, electronics and mechanical handling), despite western controls on exports of goods and technology with possible military uses.

"Unquestionably the best prospects" lie in the Soviet Union, especially in agriculture, food processing and energy, the EETC says.

Eastern Europe: a business profile, available from the East European Trade Council, 25 Victoria Street, London SE1H OEX

APPOINTMENTS

Furness Withy names deputy

Furness Withy & Co: Sir Paul Bryan succeeds Sir Ralph Bateman as deputy chairman. Mr Brian Shaw remains as chairman.

Trident General Insurance Company: The following appointments have been made: Mr Alan Howell, underwriting manager; Mr Peter Johnson, administration manager; and Mr Dennis McDonald, marketing and development manager. New appointments have been made at the regional underwriting rooms: Mr Barry Yeatman becomes manager, Bristol; Mr Graham Hudson, manager, Glasgow; Mr David Morris, manager, Leeds; Mr Howel Evans, manager, Manchester; and Mr Arthur Such, manager, Midlands.

Taylor Harrison Group: Mrs Linda Prophet has been appointed a director.

Granville & Co: Mr David Steeds is the new chief executive, and Mr Ernest Bachrach joins the board.

Willett International: Mr Clive Humphries has joined the board.

Bank of America: Mr Jeremy G. Fair has become manager of the London branch and manager for the United Kingdom.

Post Office Users' National Council: Mr Thomas S. Corrigan is the new chairman.

Authorized Unit Trusts

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		1-3 St Pauls Churchyard EC4P 4DX 01-236 1633			
105.8	80.1	American Grwth	94.9	100.9	1.67
83.1	68.4	Cmdty & Energy	81.9	87.1e	2.55
60.5	48.5	UK Growth	58.9	63.3e	2.20
98.3	81.5	General	97.6	104.4	2.31
118.7	114.4	Gilt & Fixed Int	117.2	124.0e	9.65
148.9	95.4	Japan	145.5	155.1e	0.19
64.2	46.6	H Inc Equity	63.7	67.7e	6.25
167.0	131.2	Worldwide	146.2	155.5	3.54
60.5	51.1	Assets & Earn	59.1	63.2	3.16
139.1	111.9	Equitas Prog	138.7	148.3	3.93
		Aitken Hume Funds (Man) Ltd.			
		1 Worship St, EC2A 2AB 01-638 6011			
130.5	85.4	Secure Income	130.0	139.0	6.19
176.3	67.1	American Tech	113.0	121.0	0.01
65.2	50.0	Japan Tech	65.2	69.8	0.30
155.9	83.5	Pacific	145.9	155.9e	0.70
170.9	107.3	Special Sits	158.4	169.2	0.10
38.3	28.6	Inc & Growth	36.2	38.6	4.67
240.7	142.9	Energy Ind Fnd	227.5	243.0	0.30
403.7	342.3	Exempt Fnd (36)	403.7	433.7	3.09
280.7	242.9	Small Co Fnd	274.8	293.4e	1.50
		Allied Unit Trusts Ltd.			
		Hambro Hse., Hutton, Essex. 0277 211459/229123			
168.5	149.8	Allied Capital	165.1	175.0e	2.70

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Frances Williams looks at the threat posed by US interest rates as the IMF meets in Washington

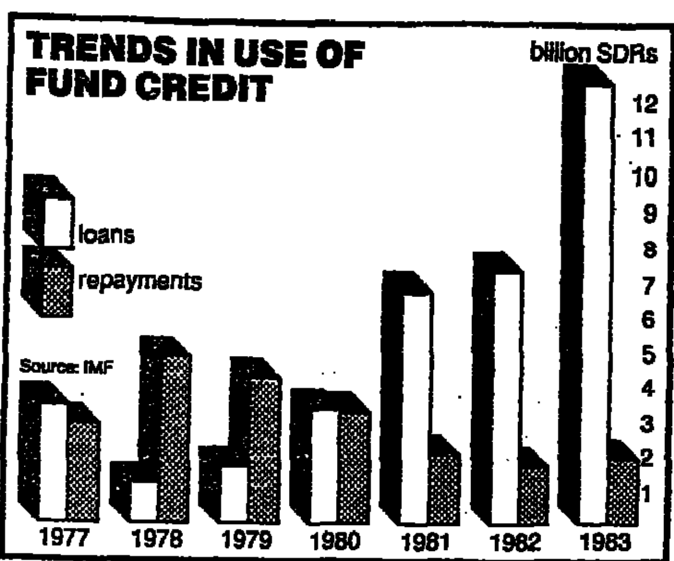
Shadow of uncertainty over debtor nations

The latest rise in American interest rates, which many fear presages more to come, casts an unwelcome shadow over this week's gathering of finance ministers and central bank governors in Washington for meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The move underlines only too clearly the fragility of the world economic recovery, still muted outside North America and Japan, and serves as a worrying reminder of the precarious financial position of the indebted nations, whose problems will dominate the discussions which begin today.

In the background, but no doubt to the fore in ministers' minds, is the continuing brinkmanship of Argentina, the world's third largest debtor, now locked in eleventh hour negotiations with the IMF on an economic programme to keep debt interest payments flowing. A breakdown of these negotiations would bite deeply into the earnings of some of the biggest American banks and deal a serious blow to the confidence of the global financial system, with damaging repercussions for lending elsewhere.

A few weeks ago it looked as though today's meeting of the IMF Interim Committee, its top policy making body, and the meeting tomorrow of the World Bank equivalent, the Development Committee, would be uneventful. There were even moves, led by the United States, to get them called off.



But the rise in American interest rates and continued failure of the Reagan Administration to get to grips with the swollen Federal budget deficit have inflamed European and Third World tempers. While no one seriously expects a shift in the American policy stance in a Presidential election year, harsh worlds will be said today when ministers discuss the world economy.

The latest projections by the Fund staff show a more cheerful picture than for some years, with world growth of nearly 4 per cent this year and a 5.5 per cent expantion of international trade. The recovery is expected to continue next year.

But rising US interest rates pose a significant threat to its durability: other countries are forced to tighten credit to stop capital flooding out, depressing their economies; and the Third World is faced with a mounting debt servicing burden, each percentage point increase in international rates adding $4 billion to annual interest payments.

The hard-won gains of harsh austerity programmes could all be in vain.

The iniquities of American policy will provide common ground for rich and poor nations alike. On the other main issue for discussion at the Interim Committee there is less meeting of minds.

The cash-starved developing countries, backed by France and some of the smaller industrial nations, want the IMF to issue some 10-12 billion a year of Special Drawing Rights ($11 billion to $13 billion), its own artificial currency, to allow them to rebuild their depleted reserves. Present holdings of SDR reserves amount to about 21 billion.

This has been opposed by the United States, Britain and West Germany on the grounds that a new SDR allocation could fuel world inflation and would take the pressure off debtor countries to mend their ways. Nor are they convinced of a "global need" for more liquidity, as IMF rules require.

Though a more modest set of proposals drawn up by the Group of 10 leading industrial economies – which would provide an extra 3 or 4 billion SDRs annually for three years – could form the basis for an eventual compromise, no decision is now expected before the Fund's annual meeting in the autumn.

Debt interest payments as a percentage of exports of goods and services

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984*
All developing countries	8	9	11	13	17	15	14
Four biggest debtors:							
Brazil	24	31	32	39	50	39	40
Mexico	20	21	20	26	31	31	35
Argentina	11	14	22	34	52	42	44
South Korea	6	8	12	14	14	14	13
All others	6	6	7	8	10	9	8

* forecast
Source: OECD

Reinforcing the Third World's sense of grievance, and certain to provoke an angry reaction at tomorrow's Development Committee meeting, is the United States decision to use the World Bank as a weapon with which to fight its own trade war with the Japanese. It is blocking an $8.4 billion increase in the Bank's capital, the result of a rejigging of country shares which will give Japan its coveted place as the second biggest contributor after the United States (displacing Britain).

This has not only held up a much-needed cash injection for the Bank. It has put at risk funds going to the very poor countries through the Bank's soft-loan arm, the International Development Association. The so-called seventh replenishment, due to start in July, may now be delayed because countries will not be able to get the necessary legislation through their national parliaments in time.

The American action has nothing to do with the Bank itself. The United States is not required to pay a dollar more. It is intended solely to put pressure on Japan to open up domestic markets to American exports and to permit greater international use of the yen, in the hope that its value will increase (and so make Japanese exports more expensive).

The move has infuriated the other contributors to IDA, especially since it follows the US refusal to permit a seventh replenishment of more than $9 billion over three years, far below the $12 billion all other countries felt was the minimum necessary.

This has already prompted European initiatives to organize a $3 billion supplementary fund to top IDA's resources up to $12 billion, and there are discussions behind the scenes to involve Japan – which is hesitant – and other industrial countries. Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said last week that the ceiling the US was trying to impose was "inadequate and a matter for regret" but he did not expect the Americans to change their position.

The wrangling over World Bank and IDA finances is likely to overshadow discussion of longer term solutions to the debt problem, to replace the patch and mend policies cobbled together by the IMF, governments and the commercial banks. With several of the biggest debtors expected to face serious financial difficulties for up to a decade, even given sustained world economic growth, these *ad hoc* arrangements look increasingly unsatisfactory.

But there is no consensus on any of the more radical global strategies doing the rounds, which include the rediscounting of bank debt by official or international agencies, the linking of debt repayments to export earnings, or the swapping of bank loans for an equity stake in the borrowing country's assets (a proposal which has aroused some interest in 11 Downing Street).

For the time being, the focus remains on continued expansion of world growth and trade, tough adjustment programmes for debtor countries and the encouragement of longer term private financing arrangements. Mr Lawson is likely to argue the case for rescheduling several years ahead to avoid humps of debt maturities now storing up trouble for the future, and most of the industrial countries will make a ritual reference to the need for more private direct investment to take up some of the slack left by the banks' cutbacks in lending.

For the moment, however, Argentina notwithstanding, there is little sense of urgency. By the autumn, another turn of the interest rate screw could change all that.

EQUESTRIANISM

Badminton is where the long ride to Los Angeles begins

By Jenny MacArthur

Olympic hopes ride high at the three-day Badminton Horse Trials, sponsored by Whitbread, which start today on the Duke of Beaufort's estate in Avon. The British three-day-event short list will be announced next Tuesday.

Lucinda Green, the world champion, Richard Meade and Virginia Holgate head the 14 long listed riders competing. Although the top horses of these three – Regal Realm, Priceless and Kilcashel – are exempted from competing, they have more than adequate second strings. Mrs Green, seeking her sixth Badminton win, rides SR Direct Mail's Beagle Bay, the 1982 Burghley winner and fifth at Badminton last year. She also partners Village Gossip, now 16, who has yet to win his first three-day-event.

Meade, who won two years ago on Speculator III, rides George Wimpey PLC's Andeguy, who is improving with each outing. If Miss Holgate's Night Cap, owned by British National Insurance, produces the form he showed at Brigstock a fortnight ago, where he won his section, Miss Holgate has a good chance of achieving her first Badminton win. Diana Clapham has been exempted from running her top horse, Simon Fraser's Windjammer, but has a worthy substitute in Jet Set III.

The European champion, Rachel Bayliss, has chosen not to run Mystic Minstrel; instead she will coax the less experienced Cuthbert the Celt round the challenging course. Richard Walker is in a similar position with Accumulator, whom he describes as "a tough little monkey".

Captain Mark Phillips, looking for his fifth Badminton win, places his hopes in the Range Rover Team's 10-year-old Classic Lines, who has yet to fulfil the potential he showed as a seven-year-old. London Clarke, with Danville, and Michael Tucker, with General Bugle, who both gained places in the British team last year as a result of good Badminton performances, will need to repeat that form to keep in the selectors' eye.

So too, will Lizzie Purbrick, one of the most fearless event riders, whos has an outstanding cross-country horse in Frederick the Great, but whose showjumping has let her down badly, notably at Locko Park and Burghley last year.

The experienced riders are meeting a strong challenge from less well-known but up-and-coming combinations. Heading these are Nigel Taylor with Schroeder Life Assurance's Milton Tyson and Ian Stark, from Selkirk, with Sir Wattie and Oxford Blue.

The trials begin with two days of dressage, followed by cross-country on Saturday and showjumping on Sunday afternoon, after which the Queen will present the winner with the Whitbread Trophy and £5,000.

Richard Meade stays at a peak



Forward looking: Meade prepares for fifth Olympics.

Four-year formula for endless success

"You start a new career every time you begin with a new young horse", Richard Meade replied, countering the suggestion that after three Olympic gold medals and 20 years at the top his enthusiasm for three-day-eventing might be on the wane. "Each horse is different. You share in its career, and you get tremendous satisfaction and fulfilment from a horse that gets to the top. I've always worked in four-year cycles – finding the right horse and trying to bring it up to Olympic standard".

He has been remarkably successful. If, as is likely, he is selected to compete at Los Angeles it will be his fifth Olympic Games; but for the boycott of Moscow, it could have been six: The only British sportsman who has participated in six Olympics is the fencer Bill Hoskyns. Meade also has in mind the record of the Australian rider, Bill Roycroft, to look to. He competed in five Olympic Games, the last – 1976 – at the age of 61.

Meade already has the destinction of being the only British rider ever to win an individual gold medal. Although he cannot better his double gold, team and individual, at Munich in 1972, his determination to win is as keen now as it was at Tokyo in 1964.

The horse currently at the centre of his ambition is Kilcashel, a 12-year-old bay gelding by Fray Bentos. He was brought by Meade's sponsors, George Wimpey PLC, in 1979, with the Moscow Olympics in mind. Because of the boycott – which Meade opposed ("I've always believed that sport is above politics") – he had to look to the alternative Olympics at Fontainebleu.

Banking on Andeguy

In the event Kilcashel developed azoturia, a temporary muscular condition, and was withdrawn. His new sponsors were undaunted, and soon received their reward. Meade and Kilcashel were members of the winning team at the European Championships in Denmark in 1981, followed a year later by a team gold in the world championships.

Because of Kilcashel's record – which started, in Meade's view, when the horse jumped out of his field over a high stone wall the day he arrived from Ireland – he has been excused from this week's Badminton and is automatically shortlisted for the Olympics. Meade's hopes for a third Badminton victory lie instead with Andeguy, a former champion working hunter

For Meade, trying to find the key to a horse is one of the excitements of eventing. The horse currently providing him with the challenge on which he thrives is Milton General owned by Towerlands Equestrian Centre, who joined the yard in November and needs a lot of work with his dressage.

It is a measure of Meade's greatness that he can succeed on so many horses. He has ridden more than eight in Olympics, world and European championships. Only one, Barberry, has he owned.

The horse he rates most highly is Brigadier Gordon-Watson's Cornishman V on whom Meade helped the British team to gold in Mexico (1968). "He was the greatest event horse of all time - fast, with a big gallop but if you arrived at a fence completely wrong he would put himself right for you."

If Cornishman was the greatest Olympic horse, the Mexicans were the best Olympic hosts. "The events didn't necessarily start on time but when they did hats were flung into the air, music rang out and voices cheered – for sheer enjoyment no Olympics have bettered Mexico".

Llewellyn's example

Brought up on his parents Connemara Stud near Chepstow, Meade had his first pony at seven. "She was Welsh and uncontrollable. It took me two years to learn how to get the better of her". Where difficult ponies gave Meade the determination to succeed, Colonel Sir Harry Llewellyn, who lived nearby, provided the inspiration. His showjumping feats with Foxhunter fired Meade's imagination, and it was on one of Llewellyn's horses that Meade won his first cup at the Pony Club Championships in 1954.

After school at Lancing College and national service with the 11th Husars he read engineering at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Post-Cambridge days were spent as a freelance racing correspondent for *The Times* before joining Antony Gibbs the merchant banking group. Success and sponsorship have now removed the necessity for a five-days-a-week office job. Today he works mostly from his farmhouse in the sleepy Cotswold village of West Littleton where he lives with his wife, Angela, and two children James aged two and Harry eight months. The mornings are spent riding, the afternoons at his desk. He is a director of Equestrian Management Consultants, Chatsworth Films, Chepstow racecourse and a small property company.

At 45, he retains the hallmarks which have kept him at the top – fearless riding and a cool head under pressure. He is invariably selected to go last for the team. The only reference he makes to retiring is that he believes "in getting out while the going's good". In 20 years the going has been; and now, after Los Angles, there is Andeguy, or perhaps Milton General waiting to start him off again, on another new career.

Jenny MacArthur.

FOOTBALL: MANAGER ABOUT TO SIGN DEAL WHICH WILL WILL KEEP HIM AT VICARAGE ROAD UNTIL 1990

Juventus thwart depleted United

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Manchester United...........1
Juventus 1

Manchester United, beset by injuries, were held to a draw by Juventus in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final at Old Trafford last night. United trailed to a goal by Rossi, equalised through their substitute, Davies, and should have won the match in the second half.

Terrible wounds were inflicted on United even before they started. Without Robson, Wilkins and Muhren, their three most experienced individuals, their patchwork formation was overloaded with defenders.

Worse was to follow. Gidman, rusty after a five-month absence, pulled a hamstring after only seven minutes and was carried off. His replacement, Davies, had not played before this season.

Much worse was to come. The Italians, guarding their ambitions with nine black and white shirts, broke with accustomed pace and precision after a quarter of an hour and took the lead.

Platini released Boniek to embarrass Hogg for speed before he freed Rossi. Even then luck accompanied them as the subsequent deflection left Bailey a helpless spectator. When United were denied a penalty as Stapleton fell inside the area after skipping past three tackles, and when Graham had to be treated after a wild kick by Prandelli, which earned him a booking, the hosts had reason to plead with the gods for mercy. After 35 minutes their vociferous requests were granted.

Albiston's cross was flicked on by Graham before Whiteside, challenging for the bouncing ball, was denied at point blank range by Tacconi but the danger was not cleared. Davies, one of the unlikely heroes of United's FA Cup final victory over Brighton last May, took his time before rolling the equaliser into the empty net.

With the terraces filled with a crowd of more than 58,000, ablaze with noise, and with United's hearts aflame with passion, an unforeseen triumph suddenly became a possibility.

Rossi, taking advantage of an unnecessary error by Hogg, relieved the pressure momentarily but should have made more of his open opportunity. Bailey, his lone opponent, thwarted him with his finger tips. Yet United could still pay not only for Stapleton's miss from six yards when he struck the bar, but also for the foolish action of one of their supporters who threw a missile which struck Boniek on the head as he prepared to take a corner.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, P McGrath, K Morgan, G Hogg, J Gidman (Sub: A Davies), R Moses, F Stapleton, N Whiteside, A Graham.
JUVENTUS: S Tacconi; C Gentile, A Cabrini, M Bonini, S Brio, G Scirea, C Prandelli, M Tardelli, P Rossi, M Platini, Z Boniek.
Referee: J Keizer (Netherlands).

Liverpool win

A goal by Sammy Lee gave Liverpool a 1-0 win over Dinamo Bucharest in the first leg of their European Cup semi-final at Anfield last night.

Yesterday's results

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Dundee United 2, Roma 0; Liverpool 1, Dynamo Bucharest 0.

UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Hajduk Split 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Nottingham Forest 2, Anderlecht 0.

THIRD DIVISION: Bradford City 3, Gillingham 2; Exeter City 1, Scunthorpe United 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford 10, Coventry 12; Cheltenham 6, Bristol 6; Ebbw Vale 9, Cross Keys 3; Glamorgan Wanderers 14, Pontypridd 10; Leicester 31, Moseley 22; Penarth 8, Bridgend 56; Swansea 21, Aberavon 10; Tredegar 12, Pontypool 25; London Irish 6, London Scottish 12.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Oldham 2, Castleford 13; Widnes 21, Wigan 14.

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 6, Barrow 19; Cardiff City 21, Kent Invicta 12; Rochdale Hornets 18, Keighley 6; York 36, Batley 8.

Taylor ties himself to Watford

Graham Taylor has agreed to a new six-year contract as Watford's manager. Elton John, Watford's chairman, made the announcement yesterday as the club prepared for Saturday's FA Cup semi-final against Plymouth Argyle, of the third division, at Villa Park.

It means that Taylor's name can be erased from the list of possible candidates for the managerial posts at Tottenham and Arsenal, both to be settled at the end of the season. Taylor, who said that loyalty was the main reason for his decision to stay at Watford, has had a remarkable seven-year spell at the club, taking them from the depths of the fourth division to runners-up in last season's championship.

Now they stand on the verge of a Wembley appearance and Mr John said: "For Graham to commit himself like this is fantastic. Is is the best news we could have had before the semi-final. I can't say how delighted I am. The club will grow and grow under Graham. I think we can grab a few trophies in the next few years if we don't get one this season".

Taylor said: "I didn't sign people like David Bardsley, Maurice Johnston and Lee Sinnott to turn round now and say 'I'm off'. Having created a new group of Watford players, I would like to try and complete the job. If we could win the League championship once it would be a major achievement. Only three or four clubs should be capable of winning the championship because of football's financial situation – and that cannot be good for the game."

Mr John admitted that Watford were prepared to release Taylor some time ago. "There was one period when the Manchester United job became available and we would not have stood in Taylor's way. But Ron Atkinson was appointed instead."

Taylor admitted that a championship win could bring problems. "How do you keep players if they win things and you can't afford the salaries they demand?" he asked. "Look what happened at Ipswich. We could not afford their kind of money and now they have had to sell players they are no longer such a serious threat. I don't want that to happen at Watford."

Watford's captain, Wilf Rostron, is slowly winning his battle to be fit for the game against Plymouth on Saturday. He had a workout with the club's physiotherapist yesterday and hopes to resume near-full training today. "Yesterday I did a fair bit in training and did not get any pains from my knee at all, he said. "But if I miss out Neil Price will do a good job."

TEAM: S. Sherwood, D. Bardsley, W. Rostron (or N. Price), L. Taylor, S. Terry, L. Sinnott, N. Callaghan, M. Johnston, G. Reilly, K. Jackett, J. Barnes.

Cup replay plans

FA Cup semi-final replays, should they be necessary, have been arranged for Wednesday (7.45) at West Bromwich for Plymouth and Watford and at Nottingham Forest for Southampton and Everton.


Taylor: hoping to shout his team to Wembley.

Derwall is upset by criticism in media

Bonn (Reuter) – The West German national trainer, Jupp Derwall, has accused the media of a deliberate campaign to force his resignation. Derwall, who has been under attack by the media for the past two years, told the magazine *Bunte* of the pressures he faces in an interview being published today.

"Much of the criticism is like a knife in the back," he said. "I admit that recently I have thought about resigning, but that lasts at most three days. Then I am back to normal again."

A survey of the country's leading Sports Editors last week showed more than half wanted Derwall to go immediately, just two months before he takes the West German team to France for the European championships. Derwall, whose team won the European title four years ago in Italy, accused newspapers of "lynch-mob journalism".

Though the West German team under Derwall reached the World Cup final two years ago and has won its last four internationals, recent performances have been uninspired. Derwall told *Bunte* the standard of the West German league had fallen to a mediocre level and that he had to make do with the football talents the clubs provided him with. He also complained of a lack of team spirit among players called up for the national side.

● China will host an under-16 world junior tournament in August 1985. The Chinese news agency Xinhua originally reported that the official world junior championships for the players under 21. But Guido Tognoni, a spokesman at FIFA's Swiss headquarters, said that the official junior tournament will be held in Chile. The Chinese event is for players under 16, he said.

Foster set to make delayed debut

Steve Foster, the former England defender, is set to make his debut for Aston Villa, at Leicester on Saturday – six weeks ofter his £200,000 transfer from Brighton.

Foster, recovering from an operation to free a trapped nerve on his hip, has come safely through two games in 24 hours and is expected to replace Brendan Ormsby, as Villa try for a UEFA Cup place next season.

Paul Walsh has been passed fit to return to Luton's attack at Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday, having recovered from the knee injury which forced him to miss Luton's home defeat against Everton last week. Mark Stein, who made his debut as Walsh's deputy, playing alongside his elder brother, Brian, will drop back into the reserves.

Frank Lampard stands by to make his 550th League appearance for West Ham, against Sunderland at Upton Park on Saturday. He is expected to replace Steve Walford, who will miss his first game of the season because of a one match ban imposed after reaching 21 disciplinary points.

Carlisle's diminishing second division promotion hopes were further hindered yesterday when Malcolm Posket their top scorer, was ruled doubtful for Saturday's top-of-the-table game at Manchester City. A leg strain, which has kept the 17-goal forward out of training all week, leaves Bob Stokoe the manager, with just 12 fit players.

● The FA have turned down West Ham's request for legal representation at their appeal against a suspended two-year FA Cup ban. The sentence, imposed following a pitch invasion during the FA Cup tie at Birmingham on February 18, will come into effect if West Ham's fans cause further trouble.

Walsh: fully recovered from knee injury.

Vancouver in talks with Todd

Colin Todd, the former England defender, who joined Oxford United on a free transfer from Nottingham Forest last month, could be on the move again. Alan Hinton, coach of the North America League side, Vancouver Whitecaps, has had taklk with the player and Oxford's manager Jim Smith, who said today "I must discuss the matter with our chairman but it looks likely that we will release Colin once we have made certain of promotion".

Oxford, eight points clear at the top of the third division with a game in hand, expect to make certain of promotion over Easter and it will give Todd time to join Vancouver for the start of their league season on May 12.

● Kevin Hird, the Leeds United defender, wants to leave Elland Road.

Young men most likely

London will have three representatives on the Football Association scholarship when the scheme begins at Lilleshall in September. The 25 schoolboys nominated by the FA have all accepted places for the two-year educational and football training scheme, set up this year by England manager Bobby Robson.

Paul Atkin, Christ the King School, Nottingham; Adam King, Abbotsfield Comp School, Middlesex; Jason Beckford, Burnage High School for Boys, Manchester; Alan Miller, Epping Forest High School, Essex; Simon Blythe, Maidenhill School, Gloucestershire; Gary Osbourne, Aldersley School, West Midlands, Scott Cam, Myers Grove School, South Yorkshire; Andrew Pearson, St. Aloysious College, London; Ian Champan, Longhill's High School, East Sussex; Darren Pitcher, Culverhouse School, Essex; Lee Derby, Hardenhuis School, Wiltshire; Mark Robins, North Chadderton Comp, Lancashire; John Ebbrell, Wirral Grammar School for Boys, Merseyside, Neil Sivitar, Hillcrest School, West Midlands; Anthony Elliott, Park Hall School, Birmingham, Christopher Teesdale, Brackenhoe School, Cleveland; Danny Esquient, St Aloysious College, London; David Thomas, Eccles C of E School, Lancashire; Christopher Howarth, Calder High School, West Yorkshire; Jason Walkington, Easthampstead Park Lower School, Berkshire; Simon Hutchinson, Jordanthorpe School, South Yorkshire; Robert Wignall, Herschel High School, Berkshire; Paul Kelly, Wilmington Grammar School for Boys, Kent; Paul Williams, Mundella School, Leicester; Bradley Wright, Willowfield High School, London.

Today's fixtures

7.30 unless stated.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet v Kettering.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Grantham v Gainsborough.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United v Sunderland; Nottingham Forest v Newcastle (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield United (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Notts County (7.0); Bradford City v Barnsley (6.30); Chesterfield v Oldham (7.0); Wolves v Rotherham (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading v Charlton.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Semi-final replay: Epsom and Ewell v Croydon.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington v Fisher

Wednesday have the look of champions

Sheffield Wednesday presented to an ecstatic Hillsborough audience the unmistakable make-up of champions in marching three points clear the top of the second division on Tuesday night. Two goals in the last 15 minutes gave them a 3-1 victory that buried a monumental challenge by Derby County, who were thrust dangerously close to relegation.

An enthralling conflict of contrasting incentives was poised evenly at 1-1 with 15 breathless minutes left. Then the calibre of champions emerged. Shelton was sprinting through in high-speed pursuit of an opening when Watson's scything leg floored him for an indisputable penalty. Sterland coolly restored the lead with his shot and the caselessly raiding Varadi provided the finishing flourish with his second and his team's third goal.

After Cunningham had helped Varadi to provide a fourth-minute lead, Davison hammered an equalizer in off the post from 25 yards early in the second half.

Plymouth Argyle failed to get an FA Cup semi-final uplift when, despite a penalty gifted by the referee, Keith Cooper, they went down 2-1 at home to Wimbledon. Tynan scored his nineteenth goal of the season from the penalty spot in the forty third minute after an innocuous-looking challenge by Hatter on Leigh Cooper, the Plymouth captain.

But two defensive blunders by the experienced Smith and Nisbet saw Plymouth slump to their fourth defeat in six League games. Smith clumsily challenged Cork in the sixty seventh minute and Hatter gratefully equalized with a penalty.

Ten munutes from time Nisbet turned the ball into his own net for Wimbledon's match-winner

Hull City nourished their third division promotion hopes with a 3-0 win over Preston. Their hero was Roberts, a midfield player, who put them on the way to victory with a fourth-minute header. They had to wait until the seventy-third minute for their second goal, scored by Flounders. Four minutes later Taylor added a third.

Northampton Town's lowest ever League attendance of 1,109 highlighted the club's plight but Hartlepool their opponents, were more urgently in need of points to avoid applying for reelection and Hartlepool they went ahead through Staff after five minutes and Hayes equalized for the home side in a 1-1 draw.

Another team trying to avoid reelection, Mansfield Town, won by a wide margin (7-1) for the second time in five days after a second-half bombardment eclipsed Halifax Town. Juryeff, on loan from Southampton, completed a treble after the interval and set up another for Lowery. Matthews scored direct from a free kick and other goals come from Barrowclough and Caldwell.


Varadi: two goals

TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION: Grimsby Town 1, Barnsley 0; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Derby County 1.
THIRD DIVISION: Hull City 3, Preston North End 0; Plymouth Argyle 1, Wimbledon 2; Rotherham United 0, Southend United 0.
FOURTH DIVISION: Blackpool 1, Stockport County 1; Northampton 1, Hartlepool United 1, Mansfield Town 7, Halifax 1.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic 4, Motherwell 2.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Brechin City 3, Clyde 2.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Frickley 1, Kettering 1 Bob Lord Trophy: Semi-final, second leg: Scarborough 5, Yeovil 2 (agg 7-2).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dorchester 2, Folkestone 3. Midland division: Aylesbury 4, Bridgnorth 0; Bromsgrove 1, Rushden 1; Coventry Sporting 1, Dudley 1; Oldbury 0, VS Rugby 0. Southern division: Dunstable 0, Tonbridge 0. Cup: Final, second leg: Dartford 0, AP Leamington 3 (aet: agg 0-3).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton 0, Horwich 2; Chorley 0, Rhyl 1; Witton 0, Goole 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Chesterfield 2, Wigan 1; Oldham 1, Coventry 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 1, Luton 3; Bristol Rovers 1, Leicester 4; Crystal Palace 0, Arsenal 0; Fulham 3, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Ipswich 0, Charlton 1; Swindon 1, Chelsea 3; West Ham 8, Reading 0; Watford 3, Swansea 1.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Leytonstone and Ilford 2, Hendon 0; Slough 2, Dulwich 4; Walthamstow 0, Billericay 1; Wycombe 1, Hayes 1. First division: Boreham Wood 1, Leatherhead 4; Farnborough 0, Wembley 2; Hertford 0, Hampton 2; Hornchurch 1, Tilbury 2; Maidenhead 3, Woking 3; Lewes 2, Metropolitan Police 1; Oxford City 2, Walton and Hersham 1 Second division: Corinthian Casuals 0, Basildon 0; Egham 1, Epping 1; Grays 3, Hemel Hempstead 2; Uxbridge 2, Eastbourne United 1
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Haringey 0, Whyteleafe 2.
DUTCH CUP: semi-final replay: Haarlem 1, Feyenoord 4.
ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY: Semi-final: Clapton 2, Aveley 0.
OTHER MATCH: Poole 0, Aston Villa XI 1.

CYCLING

Doyle's strength at peak in Buxton

By John Wilcockson

A superbly timed break by Tony Doyle on the final hill into Buxton yesteday afternoon put th Middlesex porfessional back into the lead at the end of an exciting third day in the Sealink International Race. After relinquishing his yellow jersey on the morning stage to Malcolm Elliott, he needed all his considerable strength to take it back later in the day.

The 48-mile third stage contained six severe climbs in the Peak district, including Holme Moss, the highest and toughest in the whole race. A group of 19 riders emerged in front after this and the subsequent climbs after Glossop to face the final hurdle, a winding ascent nemed Long Hill. Here the young Irishman, Paul Kimmage, made a brave attack and he looked a likely winner until Doyle countered with five miles remaining.

With Doyle went Elliott, Dudley Hayton and, the only amateur, Jeff Williams. These four swept by Kimmage on the climb, but Doyle attacked again to go clear. He arrived in Buxton's Market Square 26 seconds ahead of Elliott, who sprinted away from Hayton and Williams in the uphill finish.

Elliott had taken the lead in the morning at Oldham, by winning the second stage and its 15 seconds' time bonus. This 72-mile run with the wind blast from Morecambe buirst into life 15 miles from the finish.

A break was made by the Liverpool amateur, Joseph McLoughlin, who was followed by Gert Jakobs of the Netherlands and Atle Kvalsvoll of Norway. They began the difficult Denshaw climb with 28 seconds advantage on the main pack, which was finally beginning to split behind the testing accelerations of Doyle.

The British amateurs, Neil Martin and Darryl Webster, made great efforts to break clear on a subsequent climb after Kim Eriksen of Denmark and Elliott had joined the breakaway group. Then, in the uphill finish, Hayton almost scored the third successive win for Team PCA, but Elliott nipped past on the line

SECOND STAGE (Morecambe to Oldham, 72 miles): 1, M Elliott (British Pros) 2hr 45min 33sec. 2, D Hayn (PCA); 3, J McLoughlin (England); 4, M Morrison (England Pros); 5, K Eriksen (Denmark); 6, A Doyle (PCA), all same time
THIRD STAGE (Oldham to Buxton, 48 miles): 1, Doyle 2:12:56; 2, Elliott 2:13:21; 3, Hayton 2:13.26, 4, J Williams (England) 2:13:28, 5, McLoughlin 2:14:31, 6, W Nickson (British Pros), 7, P Longbottom (GB); 8, M Earley (Ireland) 2:14:34
OVERALL: 1, Doyle 9:35:47, 2, Elliott, 20sec behind; 3, Hayton, 50sec behind; 4, Williams, 1:23 behind, 5, McLoughlin, 2:05 behind, 6, Jakobs 2.20 behind; 7, D Webster (GB) 2.21 behind, 8, R Downs (British Pros), 2:25 behind

HOCKEY

Wales end lean spell

By a Special Correspondent

Wales won the home countries under-18 schoolboys' championship, sponsored by Okhai, at Dundee yesterday, ending a long barren spell in the tournament.

They took a point in the final match with Ireland to secure the championship for the first time, and were the most impressive side throughout the two days of the tournament.

Against the Irish, they displayed some of their great fighting qualities by coming back from a 1-2 deficit at the interval to force a 2-2 draw. Ireland took consolation in the inaugural under-16 event, beating Wales 2-1

RESULTS: Under-16 championship: Ireland 2, Wales 1; Scotland 1, England 1. Tuesday Wales 0, England 1 (corrected result). Final placings: 1, Ireland 5pts; 2, Scotland 4; 3 England 3; 4, Wales 0. Under-18 championship: Ireland 2, Wales 2; England 1 Scotland 0. Final placings: 1, Wales 5pts; 2 England 4; 3, Ireland 3; 4, Scotland 0.

GOLF

Mathers is aggrieved

On a day when Colin Gilles, the holder, lost at the 18th to Gary Orr in the third round of the Scottish Boys' Championship sponsored by STV at Dunbar, Alan Mathers, of Elie, had his reputation as the player who always enjoys his golf sorely tested (Lewine Mair writes).

All square with Elliott Gray, having been four strokes behind, Mathers hit his ball on to the beach at the short 16th. Wondering if he would ever recover the missile from what looked to be a miniature lake, he silently put down a second ball and this time found the green. When he asked an official to confirm what he should do next, the SGU ruling was that the hole must go to his opponent Long after Mathers had lost 2 and 1 the R and A indicated that, in the circumstances the boy should have been allowed to play out the hole with his second hall.

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CRICKET

Garner strikes twice

St John's, Antigua (Reuter) – Joel Garner struck two important blows for his side yesterday as West Indies tightened their grip on the fourth Test against Australia here.

Garner dismissed the openers, Ritchie and Phillips, as Australia reached 90 for two in their second innings at lunch on the fourth day, still trailing West Indies by 146 runs with 10 hours yet to play.

West Indies resumed the day at 493 for nine in their first inings and added only five more runs before Rackemann had Garner caught by Hogan for 10 to finish with the credible figures of five for 160 off 42.6 overs. The Australians, already one down in the five-match series, started in fine fashion when they began their second innings. Both openers benefited from Marshall's erratic bowling and hit 25 runs off his three overs, including five fours.

But with the score at 50, Garner had Ritchie caught behind for 23 by a ball which left him off the pitch. Seven runs later be bowled Phillips for 22.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 262 (A R Border 98, D W Hookes 51)

Second Innings

G M Ritchie c Dujon b Garner	23
W B Phillips b Garner	22
A R Border not out	17
K J Hughes not out	16
Extras (b 8, l-b 1, n-b 3)	12
Total (2 wkts)	90

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–50, 2–57

BOWLING: Marshall, 3-0-25-0; Garner, 9-1-32-2; Holding, 7-1-13-0; Harper, 2-0-10-0; Baptiste, 2-1-1-0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge c Ritchie b Lawson	0
D L Haynes b Lawson	21
R B Richardson c Woolley b Rackemann	154
I V A Richards c Woolley b Rackemann	178
P J Dujon c Hughes b Rackemann	28
C H Lloyd c Jones b Rackemann	38
M D Marshall c Hookes b Maguire	6
E A E Baptiste b Maguire	6
R A Harper c Ritchie b Maguire	27
J Garner c Hogan b Rackemann	10
M A Holding not out	3
Extras (b 13, l-b 13, n-b 1)	27
Total	498

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–43, 3–351, 4–390, 5–405, 6–426, 7–442, 8–468, 9–491, 10–498.

BOWLING: Lawson, 29-4-125-2; Rackemann, 42.4-8-160-5; Maguire, 44-9-122-3; Hogan, 30-9-65-0.

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YACHTING

London excel in fresh winds

Fresh force-five winds led to exciting competition on the second day of the Biggs Wall-sponsored university championships at Oxford. London excelled, although they still have to face Trinity College, Dublin, the toughest opponents in their league.

Gear failure and lack of control caused Cambridge to lose to Birmingham, who are the only team to have beaten both the seeds in their league and must surely be set to qualify.

Liverpool, in beating Manchester, seem likely to join Edinburgh at the top of the second league. Newcastle remain undefeated in league three. As the wind increased many boats appeared to be out of control and capsizes were frequent. The women's league was postponed.

EDINBURGH GAMES

African plea to stop rugby tour

Addis Ababa (AFP) – African member states of the British Commonwealth may be forced to boycott the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh under the terms of the 1977 Gleneagles Agreement unless the British Government move to stop England's proposed Rugby Union tour of South Africa, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) warned here

In Tunis, at the opening of a two-day meeting of the executive committee of the Association of African National Olympic Committees, the British National Olympic Committee were urged to intervene to ensure the cancellation of the tour. Mario Rania Vasquez, president of the Association of National Olympic Committees, said he had made the request in a letter

MODERN PENTATHLON

Phelps leads challenge from Britain

By a Special Correspondent

Hungary dominated the fencing on the second day of the Diners' Club International Modern Pentathlon at Crystal Palace yesterday. Gabor Pajor was the individual winner, with 31 victories out of 42 bouts. His fellow Hungarians Jozef Buzgo and Attila Cfafzari had 30 wins and 26 wins respectively.

But it was a good day for Britain's Richard Phelps, too. He shared eighth place in the fencing with 26 wins and it enabled him to pick up in the overall placings after his disappointing effort in Tuesday's riding.

Phelps, a metal merchant from Gloucestershire, improved from 11th to sixth place overall to retain his position at the head of the Great Britain A team.

Stephen Sowerby, the overnight leader after the first day's swimming and riding, slumped to fifteenth place after a poor performance in the fencing where he finished thirty second. The Great Britain A team also lost their lead in the team event and enter the final day lying fourth behind Hungary, the United States and Sweden A.

Yarrow dies

Squire Yarrow, the president of the Amateur Athletics Association since 1978, died yesterday at Hove, Sussex, after a long illness, aged 83.

RUGBY UNION: CITY COUNCIL BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON ENGLAND PLAYERS

Leicester men urged to miss South Africa tour

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Leicester City Council members met representatives of the Anti-Apartheid Movement yesterday in a move designed to bring pressure on the Leicester club to discourage individual members from touring South Africa with England next month. After the meeting the Labour-controlled council called for a meeting with the club and said: "The council and the Anti-Apartheid Movement feel that the attendance of Leicester Tigers players on the tour would bring the sport, the club and the city into disrepute".

Eight Leicester players have represented England this season, of whom three are known to be unavailable to tour and a fourth is extremely doubtful. Of the remainder, Dodge and Youngs are currently injured and would have to prove their fitness to the selectors if chosen, though Dodge is hoping to play against Bristol on Saturday after a test on a strained thigh muscle.

The council, from whom Leicester lease their ground at Welford Road and second team pitch, passed a resolution two years ago condemning sporting links with South Africa and, in a statement yesterday, said: "We hope that damaging sanctions will not prove necessary, however, a number of possible measures were considered. One of the most straightforward sanctions, from a legal point of view, will be to withdraw the use of the Welford Road recreation ground, opposite the stadium, which the Tigers use extensively for training and matches.

"Ultimately the question of not renewing their lease on the ground would be a matter for the courts to decide". It is understood, however, that the council's own legal officer has advised members that the club had complete security of tenure on the ground, on which they have spent thousands of pounds in improvements over the last 12 years.

Leicester's lease expired in March last year, since when negotiations have been in progress over the details of a new one. This would offer the council an alternative sanction, by making a significant increase in what has traditionally been an agreement favourable to the club.

Nine say yes

Nine Gloucester forwards have been asked if they are available for England's tour next month and they have indicated they are willing to tour. They are Steve Mills, Flanker John Gadd, Locks John Fidler, John Orwin and Steve Boyle, Props Phil Blakeway, Gordon Sargent and Malcolm Preedy, and No 8 Mike Teague.

Bristol's claims of rough play denied by Pontypool

Pontypool yesterday said that Bristol's allegations of violent play were "absolute nonsense." Bristol announced on Monday that they were calling off all fixtures against the Welsh club after losing 48-18 at Pontypool Park with a weakened side.

According to Pontypool Bristol's likely reasons for the decision to end fixtures between the clubs are the "reluctance of some Bristol players to travel to difficult away games in mid-week," and Pontypool's refusal to postpone the last match at Bristol's request, because of the proximity of an inter-county fixture.

LATEST MERIT TABLES

London Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Harlequins	7	7	0	0	135	53	100
Wasps	4	3	1	0	80	25	87.50
Lndn Welsh	7	5	0	2	125	73	71.73
Saracens	7	4	1	2	79	70	64.28
Richmond	9	5	0	4	117	138	55.55
Rosslyn Pk	7	3	1	3	91	75	50.00
Lndn Scot	5	2	0	3	56	75	40.00
Lndn Irish	8	2	1	5	83	143	31.25
Met Police	7	1	0	6	72	112	14.28
Blackheath	9	0	2	7	73	157	11.11

Midlands Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Leicester	4	4	0	0	206	18	100
Coventry	7	5	1	1	148	85	78.57
Nottingham	6	4	1	1	141	48	75.00
Moseley	7	5	0	2	120	64	71.43
N'thampton	7	4	0	3	132	94	57.14
Bedford	6	2	0	4	72	137	33.33
Nuneaton	6	2	0	4	72	151	33.33
Birm'gham	6	1	0	5	45	154	16.66
Rugby	7	0	0	7	64	243	-

SOUTH & SOUTH-WEST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Bath	6	50	0161		156	55	83.38
Gloucester	6	5	0	1	161	67	83.33
Bristol	3	2	0	1	96	37	66.66
Plymouth	9	5	0	4	131	129	55.55
Exeter	8	3	0	5	95	160	37.50
Camborne	7	2	1	4	50	99	35.71
Launceston	9	1	1	7	88	240	16.66

NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Hartlepool	11	9	1	1	182	100	88.36
Sale	10	8	0	2	231	97	80.00
Waterloo	7	5	0	2	112	69	71.43
Gosforth	12	18	1	3	222	134	70.83
Orrell	10	6	1	3	231	110	65.00
Vale o' Lune	9	5	1	3	102	97	61.11
Headingley	10	5	1	4	187	115	55.00
Sheffield	12	6	1	5	130	204	54.16
Wakefield	13	6	0	7	167	192	46.15
Liverpool	12	5	1	6	195	134	45.83
H'pool R	10	4	0	6	84	153	40.00
Roundhay	13	3	2	8	106	162	30.77
Fylde	11	2	1	8	111	224	22.73
Otley	11	2	0	9	105	198	18.18
Harrogate	11	2	0	9	95	231	18.18

QUALIFYING TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Ptge
Preston Grasshoppers	9	6	0	3	66.67
Morley	9	5	1	3	61.11
Broughton Park	11	6	1	4	59.09
Hull & E Riding	9	4	1	4	50.00
Birkenhead Park	11	4	0	7	36.36
Bradford & Bingley	9	2	0	7	22.22
Northern	9	2	0	7	22.22
Wilmslow	11	1	1	9	13.63
Halifax	8	1	0	7	12.50
Huddersfield	6	0	0	6	—
Middlesbrough	8	0	0	8	—
Manchester	10	0	0	10	—
New Brighton	11	0	0	11	—

French flavour added to Guinness event

The Guinness under-21 Easter festival at London Irish's Ground has attracted a French club for the first time (Bryan Stiles writes). Arras are taking part in the Sunbury-on-Thames tournament on April 21 and 22.

Now established as a premier event in the under-21 calender, the tournament will be played on a pool basis, with the semi-finals and final on Easter Sunday. It is intended that eventually the event will become the climax of a national under-21 merit table event.

DRAW: Group One: Blackheath; Esher; St Mary's College; University College, Dublin; Wakefield. Group Two: Collegians, Belfast; Edinburgh Wanderers; London Irish; Malone; Shannon. Group Three: Glasgow High; Old Crescent, Limerick; Queen's University, Belfast; Richmond. Group Four: Arras; Hillhead; Jordanhill; Saracens.

Blackheath are the first winners of the Guinness-sponsored London senior clubs under-21 merit table. They were unbeaten, dropping their only point in the draw with Saracens.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Blackheath	6	5	1	0	163	48	91.6
Richmond	6	5	0	1	98	39	83.3
Harlequins	6	3	0	3	56	69	50.0
Saracens	5	2	1	2	35	55	50.0
London Welsh	5	2	0	3	79	56	40.0
London Irish	6	2	0	4	79	91	33.3
Met Police	6	0	0	6	28	180	00.0

Because of county call on their playing squad Wasps could not fulfil their fixture list.

DOWSWELL CUP FINAL: Metropolitan Police B district 12, Metropolitan Police D district 6.

Stringer carries a sting for Welsh backs

By Nicholas Keith

London Welsh.....................13
Wasps...............................17

Wasps recorded only their twelfth victory in 42 matches against London Welsh at Old Deer Park yesterday evening, despite missing seven regular first team players. It kept them in second place behind Harliquins in the London Merit Table with London Welsh third.

Huw Davies was making his first senior appearance since February but, of Wasps' other internationals, Cardus, Colclough and Dun were missing from a side which had previously won 28 of 36 matches with only four defeats. Not surprisingly, Davies looked somewhat rusty with his positional kicking, and also had an early dropped goal attempt charged down. However, Stringer kicked three penalties in the first 15 minutes for offside offences, two of them by the Welsh backs.

Wasps ran with verve and variety, with Stringer often involved and Lozowski direct and dangerous in the centre. They were rewarded with a try by Hames, a lock, after a forward surge, but Stringer missed the conversion in a shower of rain.

Although Wasps continued to control the line-outs and the back-row play, the Welsh came back into the match and Greenway finally landed a penalty just before half-time with his fourth shot at goal.

Wasps opened the second half with an unconverted try by Moss but the Welsh countered with an excellent score. Ackerman broke smartly up the left flank and a quick ruck enabled Nigel Rees to put Williams over on the right. Greenway failed with the conversion, but managed a simple penalty when Wasps fell offside in front of their own posts.

As the game deteriorated during and after another downpour, Greenway added a further penalty failure to his unenviable collection. The Welsh fullback's third successful penalty five minutes from the end narrowed the gap to four points, but a late flurry against an anxious Wasps defence brought them no closer.

SCORERS: London Welsh: Try: Williams. Penalties: Greenway (3). Wasps: Tries: Hames, Moss. Penalties: Stringer (3).

LONDON WELSH: P Greenway; D Williams, R Ackerman, N Rees, C Rees, D Slater, G Davies; T Jones, B Light, B Bradley, E Lewis, J Ross, J Collins, P Cunneen, K Bowring.

WASPS: N Stringer; R Pellow, M Boyd, R Lozowski, R Sumner; H Davies, J Cullen, P Rendall, A Simmons, A Ialchel, K Moss, C Pinnegar, J Hames, D Pegler, R Smith.
Referee: J D Rees (Hampshire).

Newport game off

Newport's home game with Blackheath, scheduled for Saturday, has been called off because the visitors, hit by injuries and influenza, cannot raise a team.

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GOLF

Nicklaus out to emerge from the lonely shadow of Ballesteros

From Mitchell Platts, Augusta, Georgia

Phillip Parkin and Jack Nicklaus have one thing in common. History implies that they are both the wrong age to win the forty-eighth United States Masters, which starts on the Augusta national course here today.

Parkin, the British Amateur champion from Newtown, Mid-Wales, is aged 22. Severiano Ballesteros was the youngest winner of the Masters when he took the title in 1980 aged 23 years and four days. Nicklaus, who numbers five Masters among his glittering collection of 17 'major' championship wins, is aged 44. The oldest champion was Gary Player, who won for a third time in 1978 when aged 42.

Parkin and Nicklaus, indeed, have more in common than that. In both of them is the passive arrogance, the innate aggression which breeds champions. Parkin's credentials are clearly less impressive. Yet after winning the All-American Inter Collegiate title this year he can be considered one of the world's finest amateur golfers.

For his first appearance at Augusta, Parkin, a student at Texas A and M (Agricultural and Mechanical) College, has a target. He speaks in terms of winning, of "beating opponents into the ground", but in reality he must aim to finish the leading amateur. It will prove an enthralling examination, with the likes of Jay Sigel, the winner on the last two occasions of the United States amateur champions, Jim Holtgrieve and Nathaniel Crosby among his rivals, and Arnold Palmer as Parkin's first round partner.

The paradox is that Nicklaus, in spite of his illustrious record, will perhaps have more to prove. He has not won a tournament since 1982. He has not won a "major" since the United States PGA championship in 1980. And he is well aware that in recent times the opportunities have been eluding his grasp. "It doesn't bother me because I have only just been beaten on several occasions," he says. Nicklaus, however, does not enjoy losing.

That, and Augusta itself will ensure that Nicklaus is a contender. Turn off Washington Road into Magnolia Drive for the first time and one immediately understands the fascination and affection which surrounds this golfing shrine.

The images of Horton Smith, the inaugural champion 50 years ago, and Byron Nelson, of Ben Hogan and Sam Snead, of Palmer and Player, flash by, taking you from one era to another on the way to the cloistered clubhouse.

The Nicklaus era of domination, of his Masters triumphs in 1963, 1965, 1966, 1972 and 1975, now seem a long way off. Today the man at the Masters is Ballesteros. A win this time would be his third in all and his second in succession, equalling Nicklaus's achievement.

Ballesteros has confided to friends that he is feeling the loneliness that results from a prolonged spell on the US tour. Yet he is so at home at Augusta, which is similar to the course at Pedrea where he grew up, that even Tom Watson regards him as nothing less than an odds-on favourite.

The Americans seem unable to forget how they were so hopelessly outclassed by Ballesteros 12 months ago and there is a feeling now that the Spaniard cannot be opposed. Nicklaus, who for 20 years endured the pressures of favouritism, might be on the threshold of enjoying his moment as the underdog.



SCORECARD
MAXIMUM DISTANCES

Hole	Par	Distance	Hole	Par	Distance
1	4	400	10	4	485
2	5	555	11	4	455
3	4	360	12	3	155
4	3	205	13	5	465
5	4	435	14	4	405
6	3	180	15	5	500
7	4	360	16	3	170
8	5	535	17	4	400
9	4	435	18	4	405
OUT	36	3465	IN	36	3440
			TOTAL	72	6905

The course is expected to play 'long' after heavy rain this week. More rain is forecast for the weekend.

James finds a cure for grip

From Alan Booth, El Kantaoui, Tunisia

Six of Europe's leading players of 1983 are among the field of 137 who have made the journey to this coastal resort for the Tunisian Open which starts here today.

It is the third year that this event has opened the PGA European tour's season, which despite the loss of three tournaments in Britain – the Martini International, The Silk Cut Masters and the Bob Hope Classic – offers record prize money of £2.4m, more than £500,000 more than 1983. The Tunisian Open is worth £65,000 with a first prize of £10,940.

Aiming to repeat his victory in last year's event is Mark James, who has overcome a problem with his grip which affected his performances for several months of the 1983 season. He would astonish partners and spectators by waggling his club innumerable times as he addressed the ball. His explanation was that he was never comfortable gripping the club.

"I'm told in one tournament last year I waggled the club 35 times before I played a fairway shot," he said this week. "I was desperate to find a cure, and with the help of Gavin Christie, the professional at Kedleston Park, I persevered. I know I made a slight change in my right hand grip but it really was willpower which brought the improvement."

Towards the end of the year, James finished runner-up in both the Sanyo Open in Spain and the Brazilian Open, and in February took third place in the Cathay Pacific Open in Hongkong. He now believes that the loss of form which cost him his fourth consecutive Ryder Cup appearance is behind him.

James can expect strong opposition over this 7,226-yard par-72 course which winds through sand dunes overlooking the Mediterranean. The main challenge may come from Sam Torrance, who in yesterday's pro-am event collected seven birdies in a four-under-par round of 68. "I am playing better than at any time in my career," he said, "A month ago he finished runner-up in the Malaysian

SQUASH RACKETS: TELEVISION ZOOMS IN ON TALENT AND TANTRUMS

Whole new ball game has England on trial

By Colin McQuillan

The broadcasting breakthrough of this high participation but low profile sport continued yesterday when Channel 4 mounted multi-camera coverage of the England v Pakistan international.

Utilizing the all-transparent court, in the plush Wembley auditorium, the Squash Rackets Association mounted the first five-man international for 10 years.

"It was suitable to start what we hope will be a regular series of internationals by playing Pakistan, the leading men's squash nation in recent years," said Bob Morris, the SRA chief executive. "They are very strong at the top, but our developing strength in depth made the competition very interesting."

The first result early yesterday evening, when Neil Harvey England's No 5 lost to the British Open under-23 champion, Sohail Qaiser 7-9, 5-9, 9-4, 9-6, 9-6 did little to support the confidence of Morris, although Geoff Williams balanced the situation by beating Gogi Alauddin 9-2, 9-1, 9-3. But the involvement of Cheerleader Productions, the television sports unit bringing unique coverage of lesser-known games like basketball and American football to Channel 4, is perhaps more important in this instance that patriotic commitment.

Using six cameras, with four recording courses instead of usual single recorder, Cheerleader have introduced a new reflective squash ball and a centrally mounted overhead camera with which they hope to overcome the previous television resistant to squash as a boring and hard-to-follow game.

Channel 4 will show the whole international as a one-hour special at 6.15 pm on April 29, in the broadcasting slot made popular by American grid-iron football.

Derek Brandon, a Cheerleader producer, said: "We are planning a great deal of post production work and, we have former international Mike Corby working on commentary with Simon Reed, a former Surrey county squash player.

"I think our production techniques combined with the added visual quality of the new ball could make televising of squash as entertaining as any other fast-action sport. If it works as well as we hope, we will come back for more squash to show in the same broadcasting slot."

Clear views: Miss Opie (right) watches Miss Devoy closely (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Miss Opie tempers success

By Colin McQuillan

The extraordinary success of the Davies and Tate British Open Championships at Wembley Conference Centre shone through on Tuesday when the capacity 2,700 audience rose in rapturous acclaim of Jonah Barrington's fighting victory over Ahmed Safwat in the over-35 section and was decorated by the superb domination of the main event by Jahangir Khan.

It was, therefore, all the sadder that an event welcomed on every side as a genuine breakthrough for squash in terms of presentation and spectator access, should also carry the blemish of an ugly reaction to defeat by a home favourite.

Lisa Opie, of England, soundly beaten 5-9, 9-0, 9-7, 9-1 for the women's title by 20-year old Susan Devoy, the New Zealand champion, faces disciplinary action from the Women's Squash Rackets Association for behaviour described by Jean Reynolds, the WSRA chairman, as "inexcusable".

After a first game in which both girls sought to settle to the revolutionary environment of a completely transparent, blue-floored perspex court in front of the biggest live audience in the game's history, Miss Devoy took increasing control.

The English girl became panicky as the second and third games slipped inexorably away to superior professional application, and began to display signs of temper, culminating in repeated racket crashing and a two fingered sign towards the referee.

She was warned by the referee that a penalty game would be awarded against her if she repeated the gesture, but this danger was removed when she gained only one more point from the match.

Miss Devoy said she knew the match was hers as soon as her opponent began smashing her racket against the wall. "There was only one professional out there and it was not Lisa Opie," said the young New Zealander.

Miss Opie's coach is Jonah Barrington, who remained by the court after his 105-minute 9-10, 2-9, 9-6, 10-8, 9-2 victory over Safwat, only to have his personal elation dimmed by the behaviour of his pupil.

"Lisa was outgunned and outplayed on the day by a marvellous new champion," he said. "But her behaviour in defeat has no place on a squash court. As long as I'm in charge it will not happen again.

Jahangir Khan secured his third British Open title, defeating his older fellow Pakistani, Qamar Zaman, 9-0, 9-3, 9-5, with ease.

RUGBY LEAGUE

£200 for Fulham and a fine for Rovers

By Keith Macklin

Featherstone Rovers were fined yesterday for an unusual misdemeanour. Rovers arranged an outstanding league fixture with Fulham, a vital relegation match at the time, on a Friday evening to allow it to be televised by ITV. When the television coverage was cancelled, Rovers postponed the fixture but did not make this clear to Fulham in sufficient time for the London club to unscramble arrangements.

David Oxley, the secretary-general of the league, issued a statement yesterday saying: "The management committee have accepted that Featherstone Rovers only provisionally arranged the Fulham fixture for screening on television. Thus, when plans for televising fell through, the match did not go ahead. However, the committee have found that Featherstone Rovers were guilty of poor communication with Fulham by not making it clear that the fixture was provisional, and then not absolutely confirming as early as possible that the match would not be going ahead."

The management committee fined Rovers £100 for "poor communication" and Fulham received balm for their wounds by being awarded £200 from the ITV contract money "to cover any expenses incurred."

The match must now be played on a date to be arranged, which will further complicate the congestion around Easter. Unfortunately for Fulham, their defeat against Salford last Sunday has virtually sentenced them to second division rugby next season, and the match has lost much of its edge.

Paul Daley, the Hunslet coach, appeared before the committee accused of using unseemly language to a referee, and was reprimanded.

New title dates

Caracas, (Reuter) – The World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight champion, Eusebio Pedroza, of Panama, will defend his title against the Venezuelan, Angel Levy Mayor, in Maracaibo, Venezuela, on May 12. On May 29 Lupe Madera, of Mexico, will defend his WBA light flyweight title against Francisco Quiroz, of the Dominican Republic, also in Maracaibo. The bouts were to have been held last Saturday but were postponed

BADMINTON

England suffer on the morning after

By Richard Eaton

The intoxication of England's 3-2 win over Denmark in the European Championship final at Preston on Tuesday night has left them with an unexpectedly harsh hang-over.

The win was achieved with the good fortune of a controversial piece of selection from the Danes which gave Nick Yates the chance to beat Jens-Peter Nierhoff in the opening singles. Fortune now, however, seems to be at least half way round the full circle.

Three of the four individual titles England hope to win look further away than they did 24 hours ago. True, Helken Troke reached the third round of the women's singles comfortably enough with a 11-3 win over the Czech, Tatjana Sramcova, but her 11-5, 11-6 defeat to Kirsten Larsen in the team final was her second in succession to her great rival.

More disturbing still, Martin Dew arose this morning after the celebrations with an old cricket injury to his back feeling more painful than ever.

Yates, meanwhile, prospers. England's most effective singles player at the moment was amused that his opponent on Tuesday night was not the all England champion Morten Frost, who was used in a vain attempt to win the mixed doubles instead. Yates had beaten Nierhoff, the European single title holder, three times before, and promply did so again 15–10, 15–12

TENNIS

Makeshift pair oust 'zombies'

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Luxembourg

Kevin Curren and Steve Denton, the leading doubles team in the Grand Prix points table, were beaten 6–3, 6–4 by the makeshift partnership of Brad Drewett and Larry Stefanki in the first round of a Luxembourg tournament yesterday morning. Drewett and Stefanki had played as a team only once before and have been reunited this week only because they happened to travel from the airport together and discovered that neither had a prearranged partner.

Curren and Denton, otherwise known as "Unconscious" and "The Bull", were hunched, almost zombie-like figures when they emerged from their hotel on a grey, raw morning to make their way to an 8.30 practice. After 10 o'clock they were swapping shots in earnest. They lost to Denton's first service game, which was enough to decide the first set. In the second set they broke Drewett to lead 3–1 but conceded two more Denton service games.

In his mild, softly spoken way Curren has repeatedly referred to the difficulty of adjusting from the lighter balls used in America to those with a heavier cloth that are prevalent in Europe. Yesterday he and Denton could not get their timing right. Mind you, players grumble about the balls so often that hardly anyone takes them seriously. It is part of a professional's job to make the necessary adjustments.

Another pair of doubles specialists, Wojtek Fibak and Heinz Gunthardt, also took a while to wake up, but beat a young Australian team, David Graham and Laurie Warder, by 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The fourth seeds, Anders Jarryd and Tomas Smid, also had to find their range before beating Shlomo Glickstein and Joao Soares 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. A remarkable feature of the tournament is that the doubles event includes five of the top six singles seeds (Ivan Lendl is the exception) and the eight leading men in the Grand Prix doubles standings.

Two of the eight singles, seeds Sandy Meyer and Stefan Edberg, were beaten in the first round Erci Jelen, of Germany, aged 19, disposed of Edberg and, yesterday, advanced to the quarter-final round by beating a more heavily muscled young German, Hans-Dieter Beutel, by 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

FIRST ROUND: Singles: T Mayotte (US) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus) 6-4, 6-2; G Mayer (US) bt H Pfister (US) 6-3, 6-1; S Denton (US) bt F Buehning (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; K Curren (SA) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-4, 7-2; J Soares (Br) bt S Mayer (US) 6-3,6-3; T Smid (Cz) bt M Ostoja (Yug) 6-4, 6-2; A Jarryd (Sw) bt S Glickstein (Is) 7-6, 6-7.

CRICKET

Botham's apology may save him from ban

Two contentious issues to emerge from England's winter tour – Ian Botham's criticism of conditions in Pakistan and allegations of drug taking by England players in New Zealand – will be considered by the Test and County Cricket Board at separate meetings today and tomorrow.

Botham faces specific charges at Lord's tomorrow, from the board's disciplinary committee, which relate to his derogatory remarks about Pakistan hotels and food. Apart from embarrassing England's manager Alan Smith and his colleagues, the comments breached Botham's contract with the board.

The fact that Botham speedily apologized may save him from a Test ban.

Unless the board want to issue a stern reminder to Botham he could escape with a fine. The amount would be almost irrelevant to a man well rewarded with fringe benefits that add considerably to his direct income from the game. Botham's other controversial activities – including playing football for Scunthorpe United just before the tour – will not come into the hearing. Today the executive committee will consider the responses of the tour management to allegations that some players possessed illegal drugs in New Zealand. This issue can be brought to a swift conclusion only if the board decide to take no action. Botham himself has probably ensured that no positive disciplinary moves can be made by issuing a libel writ concerning his alleged part in drug activities. The matter is now subjudice and the bland cannot prejudice a court case by accusing any player.

Old England's new face

Ray Illingworth, dismissed as Yorkshire's manager last month, will play for the Courage Old England XI this summer.

He will team up with two of his former county colleagues, Fred Truman and Brain Close.

Illingworth, who also hopes to commentate for BBC television and radio next season, will be available for nine Sunday games with the Old England team, who will receive £30,000 sponsorship from Courage.

The other new recruit to the team, who have raised more than £50,000 for charity in their three-year existence, is the former Derbyshire fast bowler, Harold Rhodes.

COUNTY PROSPECTS

Zaheer holds the key

By Richard Streeton

Six batsmen scored 1,000 runs in 1983 and Zaheer Abbas was not far away in his few appearances which shows where Gloucestershire's strength continues to lie. It was a less impressive story in attack, however, and the pattern might not change greatly this summer, although it is expected the Bristol pitches will have a little more life.

It will be vital for the left-armer, Gary Sainsbury, to increase his striking rate and for the younger opening bowlers to prove themselves. David Lawrence, still only aged 20, has the most potential but has been an enigmatic performer. A newcomer, Courtenay Walsh, a 21-year-old Jamaican, who is 6ft 5in tall, has the credentials, but he and Zaheer cannot be included at the same time.

John Shepherd, now aged 40, performed nobly with bat and ball in his new surroundings in 1983 and Bainbridge as an all-rounder had his moments. Graveney and Childs, the two left-arm bowlers, will again share the spinner's work and Chris Dale, aged 21 and off-spinner from Kent, might gain a place.

The arrival of Athey, a refugee from Yorkshire's political strife, should compensate for Broad's departure to Nottinghamshire. Stovold, Romaines, Athey, Zaheer and Bainbridge fill the first five places in the batting order and Russell's wicketkeeping should continue to delight the purists. Hignell is teaching full time but may play in the holidays.

Gloucestershire, who are having a club benefit in 1984, turned a loss of £58,000 into a £21,000 profit last year and the practical outcome of their links with the Phoenix Assurance Company, at the Bristol ground, is a model for other counties. Apart from social functions, sauna, solarium and squash facilities, the ground this winter has been used for football, hockey, tennis and as a golf range – 4,000 golf balls struck five days a week.

1983 RECORD: County championship: equal 12th. NatWest Bank trophy: Lost in quarter-final. Benson & Hedges Cup: Lost in quarter-final on toss. John Player League: 14th.

PLAYING STAFF: DA Graveney (captain), CWJ Athey, P Bainbridge, AJ Brassington, EJ Cunningham, JH Childs, CS Dale, RJ Doughty, DV Lawrence, P Roebuck, PW Romaines, RC Russell, GE Sainsbury, JN Shepherd, AW Stovold, CR Trembath, C Walsh, AJ Wright and Zaheer Abbas.

● Tomorrow: Hampshire

BOWLS

Hart has a good head for the game

By Gordon Allan

Richard Hart, of the Essex County club at Westcliff, sprang something of a surprise in the Champion of Champions indoor tournament, sponsored by Lombard North Central, at Bognor Regis yesterday. He reached the final by beating Graham Standley, of Atherley, a seasoned England player, 21-18 in a superb semi-final match.

Hart led 13-7 but Standley demonstrated his pedigree in overhauling him to lead 19-16. Matters seesawed from then onwards and a stream of excellent shots flowed into the head. On the last end first Standley, then Hart, put his bowls where he wanted them, but Hart, 21-19 to the good at that point, emerged with the winner.

Hart is a slow, studious, careful player, an insurance underwriter by profession. His studiousness serves him well, backed up as it is by excellent technique and temperament.

His opponent in the final is Tony Allcock, of Gloucester, another England international, who beat Roy Staples, of Scunthorpe, 21-11 in a much shorter and less interesting contest. Allcock always had the situation in hand and changed the length of the mat with fruitful results.

QUARTER–FINAL: A Allcock (Gloucester) 21, K Wood (Margate) 11; R Staples (Scunthorpe) 21, R Denny (Diss) 5; G Standley (Averley) 21, A Horobin (Huddersfield) 14; R Hart (Essex County) 21, A Cradock (Hounslow) 11. SEMI-FINAL: Allcock 21, Staples 11; Hart 21, Standley 18

RACKETS

Boone too racy for Gracey

William Boone, the amateur champion and first seed, eliminated Richard Gracey, holder of the over-40s singles title, from the British Open singles championship, sponsored by Celestion Loudspeakers, at Queen's Club, when he won by 15–6, 15–10, 15–2 in a quarter-final yesterday (William Stephens writes).

Gracey, a fiercely competitive campaigner, stood up well to Boone's ferocious services and in the first two games played some telling forehand kill shots. In serving and in the rallies, Gracey played the ball across his left-handed opponent's backhand, where Boone had problems hitting across the line, but Boone's pace proved too much for the veteran.

RESULTS FROM PRESTON

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: K Beckma (Eng) bt R Fon Sing (Fr), 11-0, 11-1; B Beckett (Ire) bt B Wast (Austria) 11-7, 11-8; T Litvinenko (USSR) bt H Obritzhauser (Austria), 11-1, 11-6; C Magnusson (Swe) bt E Thordardottir (Ice), 11-1, 11-0; I Swiggers (Bel) bt M Hagemann (WG), 0-11, 11-8, 12-10; D Underwood (Ire) bt E Kuczowska (Pol), 11-1, 11-3; J Van Driel (Neth) bt R Rotsch (Swe), 11-0, 11-4; K Andersson (Swe) bt A Sversted (Nor), 11-7, 11-4; K Kjaer (Den) bt S Langenakens (Bel), 11-1, 11-1; V Pron (USSR) bt I Vigh (Hun), 11-6, 12-10; G Martin (Scot) bt A Van de Knapp (Neth), 11-7, 8-11, 12-10; S Doody (Wales) bt D Gerstenkorn (Swe), 11-3, 8-11, 11-4; S Williams (Wales) bt T Edwald (Ice), 11-6, 11-8; G Mogensen (Den) bt E Weltschnig (Austria), 11-3, 11-3; E Cserni (Hun) bt G Vanhaverbeke (Bel), 11-6, 11-3; E Coene (Neth) bt M Bengtsson (Swe), 11-6, 11-6; C Doheny (Ire) bt N Demey (Bel), 11-2, 11-0; B Siemieniec (Pol) bt F Chaboussie (Fr), 11-0, 11-0; K Schmieder (WG) bt J Balcarova (Cz), 11-2, 11-6; L Okunevar (USSR) bt C Heatly (Scot), 11-1, 11-2; S Podger (Eng) bt L Blumer (Switz), 11-3, 11-4; M Ridder (Neth) bt S Kaspar (Switz), 11-2, 11-2; L Staxler (Swe) bt K Magnusdottir (Ice), 11-1, 11-2; H Krickhaus (WG) bt A Meniene (Fr), 11-2, 11-0; J Webster (Eng) bt S Bellasova (USSR), 11-7, 11-4.

Second round: H Troke (Eng) bt T Sramkova (Cz), 11-3, 11-3; K Larsen (Den) bt P Hamilton (Scot), 11-7, 11-2; Doheny bt C Hyban (Wales), 11-4, 11-3; Litvinenko bt L Gottsche (Den), 11-5, 11-4; Magnusson bt Swiggers, 11-4, 11-4; Underwood bt Van Driel, 11-4, 11-6; Beckman bt Beckett, 11-4, 11-2; Wojtkowska bt Andersson 11-6, 11-5; Kjaer bt Pron, 11-3, 11-5; Martin bt Doody, 11-0, 11-1; Mogensen bt Williams, 11-3, 11-0; Coene bt Cserni, 11-4, 11-1; Schmieder bt Siemieniec, 11-6, 11-7; Podger bt Okuneva, 11-3, 11-0; Webster bt Krickhaus, 11-3, 11-3.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: G Hofegger (Austria) bt J Murtagh (Wales), 15-8, 15-8; J de Mulder (Bel) bt P Choel (Fr), 15-4, 15-8; S Butler (Eng) bt T Althaus (Switz), 15-3, 15-0; H Klauer (WG) bt D Travers (Scot), 18-18, 6-15, 17-15; A Skripko (USSR) bt G Olchowik (Pol), 15-8, 15-12; S Baddeley (Eng) bt T Hangsson (Ice), 15-6, 15-7; G Adolfsson (Ice) bt G Voris (Hun), 15-8, 7-15, 18-16; V Berbtsen (Nor) bt I Denegn (Bel), 15-10, 15-8; H Fischedick (WG) bt I Englert (Hun), 15-14, 15-1; K Middlemiss (Scot) bt P Kaul (Switz), 15-3, 15-2; I Frederiksen (Den) bt J Dolhan (Pol), 15-1, 15-8; L Coene (Neth) bt W Thompson (Ire), 15-7, 15-2; C Rees (Wales) bt T Farooq (Austria), 15-12, 15-11; V Shcukin (USSR) bt J Lenart (Cz), 10-15, 15-5, 15-7; G Carlsson (Swe) bt U Santosa (Neth), 15-6, 15-10; P Sutton (Wales) bt E Vanherbruggen (Bel), 15-11, 15-0; N Yates (Eng) bt G Petrovits (Hun), 15-5, 15-0.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New Jersey Nets 106, Philadelphia 76ers 102; Detroit Pistons 100, Indiana Pacersn 98; Boston Celtics 98, Milwaukee Bucks 95; San Antonio Sputs 121, Houston Rockets 111; Seattle Supersonics 125, Kansas City Kings 113; Phoenix Suns 100, Portland Trail Blazers 88; Dallas Mavericks 116, San Diego Clippers 114; Utah Jazz 135, Denver Nuggets 120; Golden State Warriors 117, Los Angeles Lakers 115.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 3, Houston Astros 1; New York Mets 4, Atlanta Braves 2; Cincinnati Reds 8, Montreal Expos 6; San Diego Padres 7, St Louis Cardinals 3; San Francisco Giants 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 5, Texas Rangers 1; New York Yankees 4, Minnesota Twins 1; Baltimore Orioles 8, Kansas City Royals 3; Chicago White Socks 7, Cleveland Indians 3; Milwaukee Brewers 10, California Angels 1; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Oakland Athletics 0; Seattle Mariners 5, Boston Red Sox 1.

TENNIS

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Womens Tournament first round: (US unless stated): M Maleeva (Bul) b J Harrington, 6-1, 6-3; C Suire (Fr) b K Reid (Aus), 6-1, 6-3; C Bassett (Can) b Y Vermaak (SA), 6-2, 6-3; R Reggi (It) b K Shaefer, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4; N Herreman (Fr) b R Fairbank (SA) 7-6, 6-4; M Meeker b S Solomon 6-2, 6-2; I Madruga-Osses (Arg) b B Nagelsen, 6-2, 7-6; B Herr b M Torres, 6-4, 7-6; L Bonder b L Thompson, 6-1, 6-0; T Phelps b E Sayers (Aus) 6-4, 6-1; A Henricksson b P Vasquez, 6-1, 6-2; J Klitch b P Delhees Jauch (Switz), 6-1, 6-2; L Romanov (Rom) b C Jexell (Swe), 7-5, 6-3; C Jolissaint (Switz) b C Tanvier (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; M Jausovec (Yug) b C Vanier (Fr), 6-3, 6-0; M C Callega (Fr) b R Casals, 6-4, 6-4; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) b B C Reynolds, 6-4, 6-2; P Paradis (Fr) b A Brown (GB) 7-5, 4-6, 6-0; S Amiach (Fr) b A Holton, 7-5, 6-1.

NICE: Grand Prix tournament: First round: D Bedel (Fr) bt S Simonsson (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; R Gehring (WG) bt F Luna (Sp), 7-6, 6-4; M Purcell (US) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 2-6, 7-5, 9-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-2, 7-5; J Nystron (Swe) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 6-2, 7-5; H Gildemeister (Chile) bt J Brown (US), 6-4, 6-0; H Sunstroun (Swe) bt F Cancellotti (It), 6-4, 7-5; V Winitsky (US) bt M Orantes (Sp), 6-1, 1-6, 6-1; H Leconte (Fr) bt P Slozil (Cz), 7-6, 6-1.

CROQUET

EASTBOURNE: South of England championships: (Ionides Cup) (Handicap Singles): Draw, first round: D L Gunasekera (–½) bt L Wharrad (2) +4. Process, first round: L Wharrad (2) bt D A Harris (1½) +10. Luard Cup (Level Singles): Process, first round: D W Shaw (6) bt Mrs M M Grout (6½) +3. Trevor Williams Cup (American Singles): W E Philp (9) bt M D Bennett (14) +16. Handicap Singles: First round: T D Harrison (5½) bt Mrs W R D Wiggins (0) +13; Dr W R D Wiggins (1) bt G Barrett (2) +20.

HOCKEY

GORE COURT: 75TH Anniversary Tournament: Final: Old Bordenians 1, Folkestone Optimists 0.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Birmingham 6, Northampton 18; Maesteg 13, Llanelli 9; Newbridge 17, Newport 3; Vale of Lune 22, Manchester 9.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Selkirk 9, Hawick 56.
CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Penryn 25, Launceston 0.
OTHER MATCH: England Students 15, Wales Students 16.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Salford 0, Hull KR 32; St Helens 20, Leeds 10.
SECOND DIVISION: Huyton 17, Carlisle 10.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB Celestion Open singles championship, third round: C J Hue Williams bt S Hazell (Wellington) 15-2, 4-15, 18-16, 15-8; J S Male bt P Rosser (Rugby) 15-9, 15-6, 15-4; P Nicholls bt P F C Begg 17-15, 15-8 15-6.

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: World Professional Championship: Pre-qualifying matches: R Edmonds bt D Greaves 10-0; P Andrewartha bt J Bear 10-0.

GOLF

WEST HILL: Father and Son foursomes tournament: First round: D C and J D Dixon (16) bt J and T H Holmes (24) hole; M D and M F Rogerson (20) bt Dr K S and Dr M J Maclean (22) at 19th; T W G and R Bets (12) bt R W and N Elliott (13) 1 hole; C and A S Taylor (15) Heath) bt Dr J N T and W J Bailhache (23) bt H W and A W Bailey (20) 2 and 1; A and G P Beuschler (28) bt B and N Joseph (13) 1 hole; D P and D G Choyce (21) bt A E and I T Oakes (12) 2 and 1; P J P and C P C Donald (28) bt J A and P A Murphy (21) 1 hole. J M D and N J Grant (21) bt J N and O E Gems (23) 2 and 1; R F M and F G A Hope (13) bt D N and J J Moore (20) at 19th; B and I A D White (16) bt E and J L Morgan (23) 4 and 2; P F G and M F G Fane (25) bt J J and G J Martin (20) 7 and 6; Col L E O T and N D Hart (26) bt M A P and W F Gay (18) 4 and 3; C and J Stapleton (16) bt J and M Collett (14) 6 and 5; G R and G P Bristowe (22) bt R J and J H Rutherford (12) 2 and 1; Dr M and G E Taggart (9) bt R W and A J Glover (17) 8 and 6.

MOTOR RALLYING: Nottingham City Council have succeeded in its bid to host the Lombard RAC Rally. The RAC Motor Sports Association said yesterday that Nottingham will provide the start, finish and interim overnight halt facilities for the 1985 rally.

SKIING

Everything must go après ski

Vaduz, Liechtenstein (Reuter) – Hanni Wenzel, one of the greatest women skiers ever, throws a retirement party Friday.

Miss Wenzel, who retired at the age of 27 after coming second in the World Cup, has invited more than 200 friends and prominent sportsmen, including the racing drivers, Nelson Piquet of Brazil and Keke Rosberg of Finland, to the party in the village of Reach. Guests will pay 80 Swiss francs (about £25) each towards a Liechtenstein home for handicapped children and Miss Wenzel will auction all her skis, helmets, gloves, caps, glasses and I don't know what for the same cause.

Miss Wenzel won two gold medals and a silver at the 1980 winter Olympics in Lake Placid, was twice World Cup champion and finished in the top five 10 times during her outstanding 13-year career. She missed the Sarajevo Olympics after losing her amateur status.

Though born in West Germany, she raced for Liechtenstein, where her parents had moved when she was two years old. Her brother Andreas and sister Petra, both World Cup skiers, were born in Liechtenstein.

The vivacious Miss Wenzel, who plans to marry the Austrian skier, Harti Weirather, attributes her success "to never losing the fun of racing, even when the going was tough".

IN BRIEF

New committee guides Kent

A nine-man executive committee has been set up to administrate Kent County Cricket Club on a day-to-day basis. The committee, which will be headed by the club chairman, John Pocock, and includes the former county captain Colin Cowdrey, replaces three sub-committees.

EQUESTRIANISM: Dubai is to sponsor the first of Hickstead's three international showjumping meetings which takes place from June 1-3 (Jenny MacArthur writes). Sponsorship for the Dubai International which carries £45,000 in prize money, will come from His Highness Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai, and a consortium of companies in Dubai, as well as British firms which do business in the Emirate.





RACING: DRAW FAVOURS BRITISH CHAMPION IN NEW JOCKEYS' CONTEST AT CHELTENHAM

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd may be running into danger

By David Powell

Zola Budd's first experience of competitive athletics in Britain may be one she will wish to forget if she appears in a 3,000 metres race at Dartford on Saturday. The track at Central Park, where she is expected to run, has been condemned by the Southern Women's League as unfit for league fixtures and the host club, Dartford Harriers, have been told to improve it, find another one or be barred from staging meetings in future.

A leading international 3,000 metres runner, Debbie Peel, yesterday described the track as "dangerous" and said she would be surprised if Miss Budd, who has a best time for the distance of 8 minutes 37.5 seconds, could run under nine minutes on it. Since a fast time seems out of the question and barefoot running inadvisable on a surface which is badly rutted, Miss Budd may have been hoping for a competitive element; but in this, too, she will surely be disappointed.

Southampton will be attending without Christine Benning, the British 1,500 metres record holder; Crawley will be without Mrs Peel, who ran the 3,000 metres at the 1982 Commonwealth Games and European championships; Dartford are unable to call upon Anna Wittekind, the English Schools 800 metres champion; and Ruth Smeeth, who has run 8 minutes 51 seconds for 3,000 metres, has declined to represent Aldershot.

None of these women has refused to run in protest over Miss Budd's successful application for British citizenship. Mrs Smeeth and Mrs Benning had long ago decided to race elsewhere; Mrs Peel says she does not wish to run on that particular track; and Miss Wittekind is injured.

So Miss Budd may be destined to resume where she left off in South Africa – out in front with no opposition. Her club chairman, Roy Dyer, said yesterday that no confirmation of her intentions had been received but she "has informed us she would like to compete on Saturday".

Mrs Peel has no such wish. "There is no way I would run on that track again", she said. "It is just asking for injury. I trained on it a few times last summer and always came away sore. Zola Budd would be crazy to run on it."

Slush fund risk for Olympians

From Pat Butcher
New York

Gidamis Shahanga, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, and his Tanzanian colleagues, Filbert Bayi and Zakariah Barie, are among several international athletes at the University of Texas in El Paso (UTEP) whose Olympic eligibility could be jeopardised by the revelation of a "slush fund", set up by Larry Heidebrecht, the university coach.

Heidebrecht resigned last Friday after allegations that he has set up a private bank account, with a current balance of a round £13,000 in order to pay college athletes who had competed in indoor track meetings and road races. Heidebrecht is also accused of contacting an Italian shoe company offering his services for a fee as an agent for several of his athletes who would wear the company's shoes.

Although athletes are permitted to earn participation and prize money nowadays, as long as it is paid into a trust fund regulated by their nationl federations, rules for athletes at college in the United States, governed by the National Collegiate AA, are still strictly amateur. They are only allowed expenses. The implication of the slush fund is that the UTEP athletes were receiving money directly instead of paying it into a trust fund. And this is what could affect their Olympic eligibility.

Officials at UTEP are currently carrying out an investigation into the allegations, and the Athletics Congress is awaiting their before passing them on to the International Amateur Athletic Federation who will decide the eligibility issue.

The revelations have produced a far-from-sympathetic reaction from other college coaches.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Smaller Soviet squad likely in Los Angeles

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet national olympic committee (NOC) will probably decide to attend the Los Angeles Games but with a smaller team than usual, informed Soviet sources said yesterday. They said this formula would be put to a two-day meeting of the NOC due to start today amid Western speculation that Moscow could decide to boycott the games.

Last Monday the NOC accused the United States of violating the Olympic Charter, mounting an anti-Soviet campaign and failing to give adequate assurances on security. The United States denied the charges. Moscow has until June 2 to say whether it will send a team.

● Hungary and Czechoslovakia yesterday joined Russia in accusing the United States of using the games for "selfish political ends" and of waging a campaign to prevent communist athletes taking part.

"Senseless assertions that these sportsmen are spies and terrorists have appeared in several American media", the Czechosalovak party daily *Rude Pravo* claimed yesterday.

Don Giovanni can set up world title for Francome

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

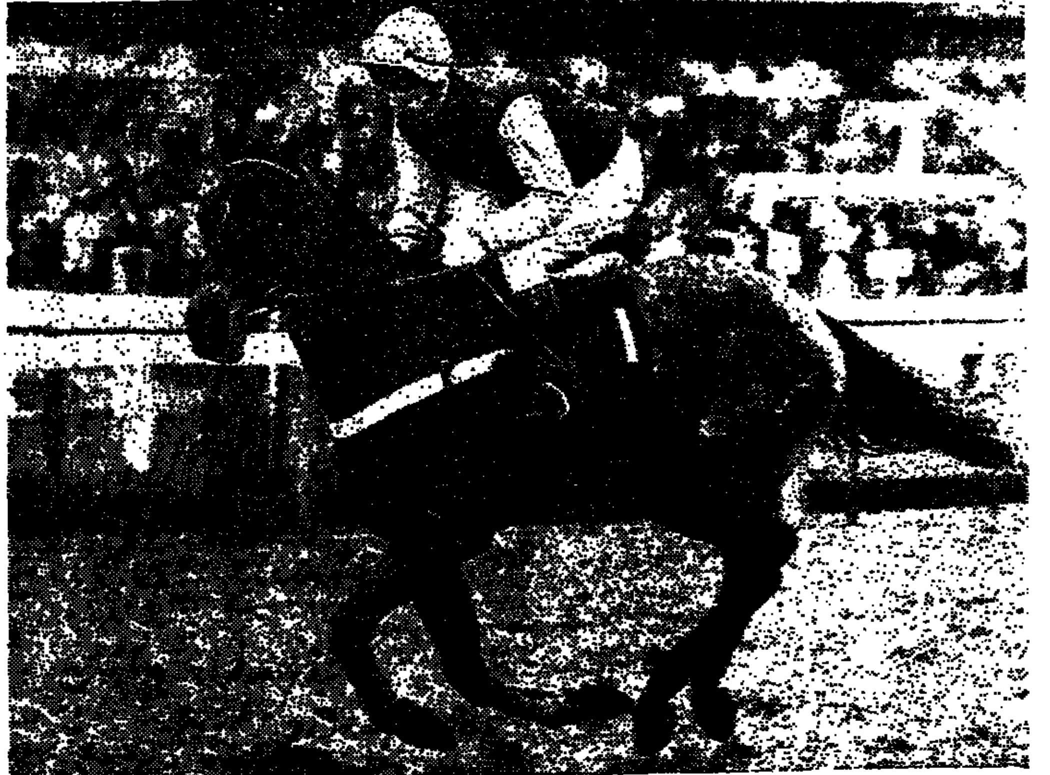
The draw for today's Railfreight world jockeys' championship at Cheltenham has been kind to our own champion, John Francome, even though events conspired to leave him without a ride in the steeplechase. Because of a shortage of runners in two of the four championship races, the conditions have been changed and now only a jockey's best three placings will count towards the title. Ten points go to the winner of each race, seven to the second, four to the third and two to the fourth.

If Francome can win the Freightrain Handicap Hurdle on Don Giovanni and the Speedlink Distribution Handicap Hurdle on Fitzherbert, he should be home and dry. By sheer coincidence Don Giovanni is an ally of old. He has ridden him to victory twice already this season but did not partner him at Ascot last Saturday because he was unable to do the required weight. However, by making all the running at Ascot, Don Giovanni showed that he is in sparkling form following a midwinter rest and it is worth following any horse in form from the Winter stable at present.

Similarly, Fitzherbert (2.50) showed at Ascot on Saturday that he was hale and hearty by running away with a long distance hurdle. He will be hard to beat with Francome aboard, especially now that he has proved quite conclusively that being tubed has done him infinitely more good than harm.

The Railfreight Handicap Chase looks an ideal opportunity for the West German champion, Andreas Wohler, to make his mark at the headquarters of National Hunt racing on Classified, whose record this season speaks for itself.

In napping Everseal to win the Grainflow Juvenile Novices' Hurdle I am flying in the face of Francome's decision to switch to Mister Golden at the eleventh hour. Everseal has won his last two races, at Lingfield and Newbury, in devastating style and I attribute that improvement to a change in riding tactics.



Classified, who attempts to gain his fifth win from his last six starts in the Railfreight Handicap Chase at Cheltenham today

Ridden from behind he was disappointing, simply because he is devoid of a turn of foot. Ridden from in front, to exploit his stamina, he is a different kettle of fish and now I expect Ben de Haan, who was seen to such good effect on Plundering yesterday, to employ forcing tactics succesfully again.

When he won the Tote Credit Handicap Hurdle at Newbury last month, Everseal galloped his rivals into the ground and finished a dozen lengths in front of Broad Beam. On 8lb worse terms he still looks capable of confirming that superiority and should also take care of Mister Golden who has been disappointing, to put it mildly, since he won at Kempton in January.

As a betting platform, Brighton's first Flat racing programme of the season does not hold much appeal, especially for those loath to get involved in sellers and races for apprentices. Mellow Dance and Shoot Pool are my recommendations in the Brighton Festival Handicap and Southwick Maiden Stakes respectively.

●Shinobu Hoshino, the Japanese jockey, faces a weighty problem in today's world championship at Cheltenham. Hoshino goes to scale at eight stone and will have to hump more than three stone of lead in his saddle when he partners Desert Hero in the first race

Beaten Drumlargan takes the honours

By John Karter

Not for the first time, the spectacle of top-class steeple chasers flying their fences against the incomparable backdrop of the Cotswolds and the inimitable riding of one John Francome turned a grey, wet day at Cheltenham into a splash of unforgettable colour.

If you ignore the running of A Kinsman, the young Gold Cup pretender who had clearly had enough for the season, the main event of the day, the Golden Miller Chase, more than lived up to expectations. Hearts in the shape of the flamboyant pink and cherry colours worn by Ben De Haan on Plundering were ultimately trumps but moral victory in this epic "rubber" surely went to Drumlargan, who, giving a stone and 24lb respectively to Plundering and Ashley House, roared up the final hill to be beaten a fast diminishing neck and head.

Frank Codd, Drumlargan's rider, blamed himself for his horse's defeat. Codd felt that if he had not steadied his mount at the top of the hill and allowed the others to quicken away from him he would not have come to the last fence so far adrift.

Several flat-footed landings by the Irish ten-year-old over the last few fences did not help his cause either. However, such a fine effort hardly deserved to be put under the microscope and the fact that Drumlargan made up at least five lengths on the run-in under his huge burden is tribute enough to his class and also to that of Burrough Hill Lad to whom he finished third in last month's Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Drumlargan is certainly having to work hard for his corn and will run in either the Irish Grand National on Easter Monday or the Whitbread Gold Cup the following Saturday.

and just possibly both. Fred Winter did not disclose plans for Plundering, but one thing he did reveal was the uninhibited enthusiasm for Hazy Sunset, his first winner of the afternoon.

This former Irish seven-year-old will be put straight to fences next season and Winter makes no secret of the fact that he believes Hazy Sunset will go right to the top. Francome's exquisitely tender handling of the son of Menelek must surely have helped smooth the way to that potentially golden future.

The man for whom the expression *sang froid* could well have been invented treated his rivals as if they simply did not exist. He sat totally unmoved as Hazy Sunset took the third last hurdle in ninth place, the second last in seventh place and then coasted through to lead at the last and doddle away up the run-in to win at his leisure.

If it was Francome's day yet again, it was an afternoon that John O'Neill will not particularly want to remember. Riding Marshell Key in the Geoffrey Reeve Handicap Hurdle, he was caught on the post by Welsh Display, who was ridden by Brendon Powell, whose flowering talent is becoming more and more evident. Then O'Neill was able to finish only third on that incorrigible character, Little Bay, a hot favourite for the Holman Cup Handicap Chase.

Course specialists

BRIGHTON

TRAINERS: P Kelleway 8 wins from 40 runners, 20.0%; J Dunlop 30 from 161, 18.6%; R Smyth 16 from 148, 10.8%.

JOCKEYS: B Raymond 17 wins from 65 runners, 26.2%; W Carson 51 from 226, 22.6%; G Starkey 31 from 174, 17.8%.

TOMORROWS ADVANCE GOING: Ayr: good. Newbury: good. Thirsk: good.

CHELTENHAM (BBC)

[Televised: (BBC 1) 2.15, 2.50, 3.25. (BBC 2) 4.0]

GOING: good

Tote double: 3.25, 4.40. Treble: 2.50, 4.0, 5.15

2.15 FREIGHTRAIN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,625: 2m) (10 runners)

101 400010 DESERT HERO (D) (Ld Fermoy) F Walwyn 10-11-11 ....S Hoshino (Jap)
102 110420 STRAY SHOT (D) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 6-10-13 ....A Wohler (W Ger)
103 122311 DON GIOVANNI (D) (Ld H de Walden) F Winter 5-10-10 (5 ex) J Francome (GB)
104 200010 SUNFLOWER LAD (D) (M Clemence) R Holder 5-10-0 ....NON–RUNNER
105 021300 WELLS O'WEARIE (D Gillard) D Gillard 8-10-0 ....G Colleo (Ity)
106 pp001f FAIR CITY (D) (E Taylor) F Gibson 7-10-0 ....F Berry (Ire)
107 000000 NOTRE CHEVAL (D) (P Hamlyn) D Nicholson 5-10-0 ....M Reinert (Nor)
108 21/0 DEVIL TO PLAY (Mrs P Beaston) J Smith 8-10-0 ....S Jenkins (NZ)
109 011p0p PETER ANTHONY (CD) (R Hickman) R Hickman 6-10-0 ....R Hendricks (USA)
110 120p-00 TWICE LUCKY (D) (E Taylor) F Gibson 5-10-0 ....N Harnett (Aus)

1983: The Foodbroker 7-10-13 T Carmody (13-2) P Haynes 8 ran.

11-10 Don Giovanni, 3 Stray Shot, 5 Desert Hero, 8 Sunflower Lad, 14 Wells O'Wearie, 20 Peter Anthony, 33 Devil To Play, 50 Notre Cheval, Twice Lucky, 66 Fair City.

FORM: DESERT HERO unplaced last time. Previously (11-0) 4l winner from The Foodbroker (10-7) (Nottingham 2m, £3,147, good, Feb 18). STRAY SHOT out of first 9 last time, previously (11-3) 10l 2n to Park Rainbow (10-10) (Newbury 2m, £3,090, good, Mar 3). DON GIOVANNI (10-3) 2½l *winner from Dicks Folly (10-2) (Ascot 2m, £3,669, good to firm, Apr 7).* SUNFLOWER LAD (10-5) hampered, 8l 6th to Karenomore (10-4) with FAIR CITY (10-0) a faller (Liverpool 2m, £4,604, good Mar 31). Previously FAIR CITY (10-1) head winner from Ben Ewen (10-0) (Nottingham 2m 6f, £1,270, good, Mar 20).
Selection: DON GIOVANNI.

Cheltenham selections

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2.15 Don Giovanni. 2.50 Fitzherbert. 3.25 Classified. 4.0 Exclusive Fox. 4.40 Compton Lad. 5.15 EVERSEAL (nap).

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2.50 FITZHERBERT (nap). 4.40 Compton Lad. 5.15 Everseal.

2.50 SPEEDLINK DISTRIBUTION HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,625: 3m) (16)

201 4-31100 FAME THE SPUR (A Hopkins) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 ....NON–RUNNER
202 114fpp FEARLESS SEAL (Sir G Glover) R Hollinshead 7-11-8 ....G Colleo (Ity)
203 0-4004f COXMOORE KNITWEAR (CD) (Cox Moore & Co) A Jarvis 8-11-1 Andreas Wholer (W Ger)
204 0003-05 CAMINO CRYSTAL (P Doherty) S Christian 8-11-0 ....F Berry (Ire)
205 6-pf0p9 NEPCOTE (D Tyler) Mrs N Smith 6-11-0 ....S Jenkins (NZ)
206 014000 EUSEBIO (D) (A Sandeman) D Oughton 8-11-0 ....S Hoshino (Jap)
207 210043 INDIANA DARE (D) (Mrs D Cousins) J Jenkins 8-10-13 ....M Reinert (Nor)
208 03-1123 LION HILL (C) (BF) (Capt P Percy) N Henderson 7-10-13 ....N Harnett (Aus)
209 400411 VELESO (B) (T Forde) J King 6-10-6 ....R Hendricks (USA)
210 001041 FITZHERBERT (D) (A Ford) L Kennard 6-10-6 (5 ex) ....J Francome (GB)
211 000004 ANOTHER DEED (C Lakin) B Palling 8-10-4 ....P Caus (Bel)
212 210/40 MENFORD (Shirlstar Container) K Bailey 9-10-1 ....H Kasaev (USSR)
RESERVES
213 010034 LINTON (Mrs S Threlfall) B Stevens 10-10-0 ....M Chirol (Fr)
214 1132-03 SOMETHING SPECIAL (D) (J Mills) P Bevan 7-10-0 .... –
215 104020 BEN EWEN (Mrs A McEwen) D Nicholson 5-10-0 .... –
216 040032 CANTABILE (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 5-10-0 .... –

1983: Irish Fire 9-10-6 F Berry (4-1 jt-fav) M O'Toole (Ire) 6 ran.

9-4 Fitzherbert, 100-30 Veleso, 9-2 Indiana Dare, 6 Fame The Spur, 8 Lion Hill, 12 Camino Crystal, 16 Fearless Seal, Coxmoore Knitwear, 20 Another Deed, 25 Menford, Eusebio,

FORM: FAME THE SPUR (11-5) and EUSEBIO (10-9) out of first 9 to Canio (10-9) (Cheltenham 3m 1f, £10,250), good, Mar 14), earlier FAME THE SPUR (10-7) 3l winner from Miners Lodge (10-10) (Warwick 2m 5f, £2,502, good, Dec 1). FEARLESS SEAL (11-4) pulled up behind A Kinsman (11-4) in 'Sun Alliance' Chase (Cheltenham 3m, £22,892, good, Mar 14). COXMOORE KNITWEAR fell last time, previously (11-11) 5½l 4th to Antiguan Moon (11-0) (Doncaster 3m, £1,389, firm, Mar 10). CAMINO CRYSTAL (11-2) 17½l 5th to Jorge Miguel (12-6) (Lingfield 2m 4f, £5,263, good, Mar 17). *INDIANA DARE (11-3) 13l 3rd to Anax (10-11) (Newbury 3m, £1,998, good Mar 2).* LION HILL (11-7) 8l 3rd to Allerlea (11-8) (Cheltenham 3m, £3,334, Firm, Nov 12). VELESO (11-2) 15l winner from Rock Saint (11-12) in novice chase (Wincanton 2m 5f, £2,006, good to firm, Apr 5). FITZHERBERT (10-1) 8l winner from Trust The King (10-7) (Ascot 3m, £5,283, good to firm, Apr 7).
Selection: CAMINO CRYSTAL

3.25 RAILFREIGHT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,600: 2m 4f) (11)

301 002200 KING OR COUNTRY (CD) (Maincrest Ltd) D Barons 13-11-10 .M Reinert (Nor)
302 11p-223 KATHIES LAD (C,D) (J Clayton) A Jarvis 7-11-8 ....M Chirol (Fr)
303 211131 CLASSIFIED (D) (G Rogers) N Henderson 8-11-7 ....A Wohler (W Ger)
304 f3f23u GREENWOOD LAD (Mrs A Grantham) J Gifford 7-10-13 ....P Caus (Bel)
305 11000f GOLDEN TRIX (CD) (B Chinn) B Chinn 9-10-8 ....G Colleo (Ity)
306 102141 *ROYAL MERE (Sir J Hanmer) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-8 ....S Jenkins (NZ)*
307 044444 KNIGHT OF LOVE (C) (R Yates) Mrs S Davenport 9-10-0 ....NON–RUNNER
308 14f4f-0 MASTER BLASTER (D Pearson) G Harman 8-10-0 ....H Kasaev (USSR)
309 ff041u FURY BOY (D) (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 11-10-0 R Hendricks (USA)
310 000400 HADAJAR (D) (A Morris) Tate 9-10-0 ....N Harnett (Aus)
311 *004203 BUTTON BOY (B) (Mrs J Salter) N Ayliffe 11-10-0 ....NON–RUNNER*

1983: King Or Counry 12-11-1 H Davies (2-1 fav) D Barons 8 ran.

5-2 Kathies Lad, 7-2 Greenwood Lad, 5-2 Classified, 13-2 King Or Country, 8 Royal Mere, 12 Fury Boy, 14 Golden Trix, 25 Hadajar, 33 Master Blaster.

FORM: KING OR COUNTRY unplaced Liverpool March, previously (11-10) 9th of 16 to Half Free (11-6) at Cheltenham 2m 4f, £9,489, good, Mar 14), when CLASSIFIED (11-5) beaten over 5l in 4th, promoted to 3rd. KATHIES LAD (11-8) beaten just over 2½l when 3rd to Mossy Moore (10-0) at Cheltenham (2m, £8,865, good, Mar 13). GREENWOOD LAD, unseated Ascot last week, previously (10-10) 10½l 3rd to Forgive N'Forget (11-0) at Haydock (2m 4f, £11,824, good, Mar 3). GOLDEN TRIX Grnd National faller, earlier in season (10-2) beat Tom's Little Al (11-1) a head here *(2m 4f, £4,227, good to soft, Jan 28), when BUTTON BOY (10-0) tailed off. ROYAL MERE (11-8)* beat Anointed (10-10) 1l at Uttoxeter (2m 1f, £1,671, good to soft, Mar 17).
Selection: KATHIES LAD.

4.0 SPEEDLINK INTERNATIONAL NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,625: 2m 4f) (16)

401 143100 GALLANT BUCK (J Scott) D Elsworth 4-11-10 ....NON–RUNNER
402 43-0211 MISTER BOOT (D) (R Weatherall) O O'Neill 5-11-10 ....A Wohler (W Ger)
403 30100 CAMP DUNPHY (G Hubbard) J Gifford 6-11-7 ....R Hendricks (USA)
404 212 MISTY DALE (BF) (D Rose) J Edwards 5-11-7 ....G Colleo (Ity)
405 402003 WOODLAND GENERATOR (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 5-11-0 H Kasaev (USSR)
406 004410 LEWIS ESTATES (Lewis Bros) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-13 ....P Caus (Bel)
407 1440 WICKLOW STAR (Mrs J Johnson) Mrs N Smith 7-10-12 ....J Francome (GB)
408 020200 PROOF WRITER (Mrs K Seal) N Henderson 6-10-12 ....M Chirol (Fr)
409 10u010 SIR LUCKY (BF) (P Brown) C Crossley 5-10-11 ....F Berry (Ire)
410 40000-0 COMMONTY (Miss K Allen) C A Bell 6-10-9 ....M Reinert (Nor)
411 *021104 EXCLUSIVE FOX (J Morris) K White 7-10-6 ....S Hoshino (Jap)*
412 420300 SEE MY STYLE (D) (K Hart) D Brissell 8-10-5 ....N Harnett (Aus)
RESERVES
413 32f000 PRINCELY LAD (Mrs Y Sivitter) M Tate 6-10-5 ....S Jenkins (NZ)
414 02200 SWEET SOLICITOR (B) (V Nash) J King 5-10-4 .... –
415 2p1f00 MOSSY BELL (P Gwyn) R Holder 4-10-3 .... –
416 000302 *JUBILEE DOVE (BF) (J Price) R Price 7-10-2* .... –

1983: Malford Lad 5-11-8 M Richards (16-1) R Hawker 20 ran.

11-2 Mister Boot, 4 Misty Dale, Gallant Buck, 11-2 Exclusive Fox, 13-2 Lewis Estates, 8 Camp Dunphy, 14 Sir Lucky, Wicklow Star, 16 Proof Writer, 20 Woodland Generator, 25 See My Style, 33 Commonty.

FORM: GALLANT BUCK unplaced in triumph hurdle earlier (11-9) beat Everseal (11-4) at Newbury (2m, £1,882, good to soft, Feb 11). MISTER BOOT (11-12) beat Major Setback (11-2) by 7l at Worcester (2m 4f, £857, good, Mar 21). CAMP DUNPHY unplaced at Ascot lasttime, earlier (11-4) beat Reveg (11-9) by 1½l at Folkestone (2m 5f, £580, soft, Feb 23) SEE MY STYLE (11-4) finished 7th. MISTY DALE (11-8) 2½l 2nd to Hayakaze (11-8) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £702, good to firm, *Mar 15). LEWIS ESTATES unplaced in handicap last time, previously (11-0) beat Holly Budy (10-2)* by 5l at Bangor (2m, £1,369, good, Mar 7). SIR LUCKY has won 3 races at Uttoxeter this season, finished 8l 6th (10-3) to Wye Lea (10-6) there last Saturday (2m 1f, £2,091). EXCLUSIVE FOX (10-9) beaten 11l into 4th by Johns Present (11-6) at Bangor (2m, £1,452, soft, Mar 24). Winning form only on heavy ground.
Selection: LEWIS ESTATES.

4.40 RED STAR PARCELS HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,797: 3m 2f) (17)

501 1-u BAULKING BYWAY (Mrs A Bray) Mrs A Bray 9-12-5 ....G Mernagh 7
502 00-u319 BOBBY'S FOX (P Mann) P Mann 11-12-5 ....R Mann 4
503 13p1-14 COMPTON LAD (C, D) (R McAlpine) M W Dickinson 11-12-5 ....D Browne
504 1-p8003 LEONSTAR (D) (W Powell) W Powell 9-12-5 ....Miss A Dare 7
505 0p300p MASTER SMUDGE (CD) (A Barrow) A Barrow 12-12-5 ....A Sharpe
507 0410-p3 THE WRESTLER (C) (B Straight) B Straight 14-12-5 ....NON–RUNNER
508 28p-213 BA BA BELLE (R Nicholls) R Nicholls 9-12-0 ....A Walter 4
509 00-0421 CROZBRIDGE (Miss C James) Miss C James 9-12-0 ....R Dunwoody 4
510 1u0011 FLAMENCO DANCER (D) (G Wragg) R Perkins 10-12-0 ....G Wragg 7
511 4f0-33r GAY TAB (Mrs R Brooks) Mrs R Brooks 11-12-0 ....C Brookes 7
512 NORMAN CASE (D Reed) D Reed 9-12-0 ....P Matthias 7
513 0/40-02 NOSTRADAMUS (J Sumner) J Sumner 12-12-0 ....Miss V McKay 7
514 001-p00 PENNYWASTE (Capt J Lumsden) J Lumsden 8-12-0 ....C Lumsden 7
515 *02214/u PERSIAN PROMISE (N Allen) W Allen 12-12-0 ....R Woolley*
517 203-003 TROYSWOOD (B) (Miss S Waugh) Miss S Waugh 12-12-0 ....Miss S Waugh 7
518 pfb10-4 GAME BID (C Sweeting) C Sweeting 10-11-9 ....S Sweeting
519 030-431 WISE LADY (Mrs C Stallard) Mrs C Stallard 8-11-9 ....N Oliver 7

1982: Sparkford 12-12-1 J Bryan (4-1) Mrs P Morris 14 ran.

13-8 Compton Lad, 14 Crozbridge, 5 Ba Ba Belle, 13-2 Flamenco Dancer, 8 Nostradamus, 12 Wise Lady, 14 Others.

5.15 GRAINFLOW JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (4-y-o: £2,058: 2m (12)

601 110u4 BROAD BEAM (D) (BF) (J Jennings) Mrs M Rimell 11-10 ....S Morshead
602 233221 EVERSEAL (D) (Mrs D Beddington) F Winter 11-10 ....B de Haan
605 021344 MISTER GOLDEN (D) (N Cohen) F Winter 11-5 ....J Francome
609 08 CRAY (R Lightwood) R Perkins 11-0 ....A Gardner 7
610 p000 HOT POTATO (Mrs J Green) M Tate 11-0 ....P Scudamore
611 HYPNOTIC (Mrs J Corbett) F Walwyn 11-0 ....K Mooney
614 0 MY CULLEN (D Barrott) D Thom 11-0 ....Mr R Dunwoody 4
615 0002 PUNTERS LAD (N Whitcomb) D Oughton 11-0 ....P Double
616 2 RODNERS (BF) (Ld Vestey) J King 11-0 ....Steve Knight
619 p VALERIO (R Cuppe) G Thorner 11-0 ....P Barton
620 40100 WEBWOOD (J Webber) J Webber 11-0 ....G McCourt
621 00 FERNDALIS (D Holland) P Kearney 10-9 .... –

1983: No corresponding race.

11-8 Everseal, 5-2 Broad Beam, 9-2 Mister Golden, 5 Punters Lad, 12 Rodners, 14 Hypnotic, 16 others.

FORM: BROAD BEAM (11-7) beaten 11½l when 4th to EVERSEAL (10-13) at Newbury (2m, £8,753, soft, Mar 24). WEBWOOD (10-13) finished 9th. MISTER GOLDEN (11-3 beaten 13l when 4th to ARMONIT)10-12) at Chepstow (2m; £1,884, good to soft, Mar 10). HOT POTATO (11-0) *distant 7th to Sign Again (11-13) at Newbury (2m 4½f, £1,893, soft, Mar 24).* PUNNTERS LAD (11-0) beaten a neck by Tough And Rigged (1-7) at Newbury (2m, £1,585, good to firm, Mar 23). RODNERS)10-10) beaten 12l by Fine Prospect (10-10) at Wincanton (2m, £628, good to firm, Mar 8).
Selection: EVERSEAL.

Galignani gives Miss Kelleway a flying start

Gay Kelleway, Britain's No. 1 lady professional jockey, made a dream start to 1984 on Galignani at Lingfield Park yesterday. Miss Kelleway, riding for her father, Paul, made virtually all the running on the filly in the Usher Traditional Fillies Stakes with Greville Starkey three lengths behind on Ruff's Luck and Steve Cauthen another two and a half lengths in arrears on Marronesse.

Miss Kelleway, who has spent two months in Florida this winter, said: "I was work riding and had one race out there, finishing fifth. I learn't a lot – riding to the clock, judging pace and jumpting out of the stalls."

Lingfield results

Going: Good to soft

2.0 CARLSBERG STAKES (2-y-o: £1,629: 5f)

OPERA COMIQUE br f by Comedy Star – Samba (B Higgins) 8-8 ....J Reid (7-1) 1
Provideo br c by Godswalk – Nadwa (A Foustok) 9-2 ....T Ives (11-10 fav) 2
Zantac b c by Sandy Creek – Frisky-Matron (N Coughlan) 8-13 ....A McGlone (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 Saloum (4th), 33 Superb Trooper (5th), Sylvan Joker, 50 Intrepid Lad (6th), Molly's Boy. 8 ran. 1l, 1l. B Swift at Epsom.

TOTE: Win: £5.20. Places: £1.10, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £14.96. 1m, 1.83 sec.

2.30 WEBSTERS YORKSHIRE BITTER SELLING HANDICAP £1,055: 7f 140yd)

OPEN THE BOX b g by Key To The Kingdom – TV Miss (J Wood) 5-9-3 ....J Matthias (9-1) 1
Our Birthday b h by Great Nephew – Renoir Picture (D Turner) 8-8-11 ....B Rouse (11-1) 2
Walhan b c by Captain James – The Cosmos (T Myles) 4-8-13 ....A McGlone (12-1) 3
Grand Entrance ch f by Town And Country – Grecian Bridge (Mrs N Vigors) 3-8-2 P Cook (12-1) 4

ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Monclare Trophy, 8 John Doyle, 10 Stock Hill Lad, 12 Freebie, Sergiades (5th), 14 Acadie, Maida Vale (6th), Queen's Royale, Sitex, 16 Kruidvat, 20 Drum Maker, Greek Banker, Valiant Dancer, Boas Fastas, Flattery's Cap, Song To Singo, Caribus, Miss Mops, Balmenoch, Hal's Prince, Ellan Vrelyn. 25 ran. NR: Fagacious. Nk, sh hd. G Balding at Weyhill.

TOTE: Win: £8.70. Places: £2.10, £1.80, £19.70, £4.90. DF: £43.20. CSF: £101.93. Tricast: £1,098.87. 1m, 36.69 sec. No bid.

3.00 PHOENIX BREWERY HANDICAP (£2,674: 2m)

CANIO bgby Welsh Pageant– Nedda (D Ladhams) 7-7-10 ....A McGlone (6-1) 1
Moon Mariner ch c by Julio Mariner– Maroukh (A Cousins) 4-9-1 P Eddery (13-8 fav) 2
Lochbolsdale bgby Stage Door Johnny– Blue Law (Winterbourne Ltd) 4-9-10 L Piggot (8-1) 3

Also Ran: 8 Oregon Trial (4th), 11 Fighter Pilot, 12 Orange Reef, 25 Alazaar (6th) Collectors Girl, Divine Truth, Neraida (5th), Gold Hunter 11 ran.

TOTE: Win: £5.90. Places: £1.80, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £4.10. CSF: £14.32. TRICAST: £52.27. 3m 41.23sec. After a Stewards' inquiry, the result remained unaltered.

3.30 FOSTERS DRAUGHT STAKES (3-y-o: £3,921: 7f 140yd)

RAAMich c by Be My Guest– Fast Motion (A Foustok) 9-0 ....T Ives (2-1) 1
Axios b c by Shirley Heights– Lady Gayglass (Mrs H Cambanis) 8-10 ....G Baxter (15-2) 2
Bare Minimum b c by The Minstrel– Barely Even (S Fradkoff) 9-2 ....S Cauthen (13-8 fav) 3

Also Ran: 4 Bare Essence (5th), 14 Turn And Fly (4th), 33 Sylvan Barnum (6th). 6 ran. NR: Sharp and Ready. 1½, sh, hd. W O'Gorman at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £3.70. Places: £1.90, £1.90. DF: £8.60. CSF: £20.10. 1m 36.25sec.

***4.0 USHER TRADITIONAL FILLIES STAKES* (3-y-o: £822: 1m 2f)**

GALIGNANI br f by Trepan – Contarini Fleming (Esal Ltd) 8-6 Gay Kelleway (100-30 fav) 1
Ruff's Luck b f by Ruffinal – A Lucky Lady *(W Norton)* 8-11 ....G Starkey (10-1) 2
Marronesse ch f by Tachypous – Louise (J *Meadows)* 8-11 ....S Cauthen (20-1) 3

Also Ran: 7-2 Cor Anglais, 5 Libra's Hope, 14 Floressa, Greenstead Lady, 16 Southern Smiles (5th), 20 Ballard Rocket, Chances Are (6th), Lavinia's Pet, Port Anita (4th), Tantraco Lady, 33 Barra's Retreat, 50 Arbor Lane. 15 ran 3l, 2½l. P Kelleway at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £5.30. Places: £2.10, £2.10, £3.20. DF: £17.40. CSF: £33.85.

4.30 HOLSTEIN PILS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,572: 7f 140yd)

TOM FORRESTER gr c by Absalom – Blak-En-Bloo (P Jubert) 8-8 ....B Rouse (5-1 fav) 1
Catman b c by Crawter – Camina (Miss I Ritchie) 8-13 ....Paul Eddery (16-1) 2
G Benene's b c by Young Generation – Miss Lucien (Mrs K Ivory) 8-6 ....R Cochrane (14-1) 3

Also Ran: 7 Tender Seeker, Sparkler Spirit, 8 Forge Close, 9 Stormchaser, 14 Boldnina (6th), Dare You (5th), Peasaday, Street Level, 16 Alharah, Atkins, The Milkman (4th), 20 Claryon. 15 ran. NK: 1l. A Pitt at Epsom.

TOTE: Win: £7.00. Places: £3.00, £4.60, £1.70. DF: £254.60. CSF: £75.43. TRICAST: £971.35. 1m 35.96 sec. TOTE DOUBLE: £29.30. TREBLE: £18.20 (paid 1st 2 legs). PLACEPOT: £70.85.

BRIGHTON

Draw: 5, 6f, low numbers best — GOING: good to soft

2.0 SEVEN DIALS STAKES (3-y-o: £1,655: 6f) (12 runners)

4 00-0040 BLOCK OF GRANITE (W Hawn) R Armstrong 9-0 ....L Piggott 11
5 00- BOND MARKET (T Tobin) S Matthews 9-0 ....NON–RUNNER
7 00000- COUNTRY PRINCE (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-0 ....B Rouse 5
12 00- HATCHING (Mrs C Dickson) R Houghton 9-0 ....Pat Eddery 8
14 00- KOORINGA (Pilot Management) M Salaman 9-0 ....J Williams 7
15 000- *MEZIARA (B) (G Chagoury) A Ingham 9-0 ....G Ramshaw 10*
16 024- NAZEEH (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 ....W R Swinburn 9
17 00- POP PICKER (J Horgan) C Horgan 9-0 ....A McGlone 3 6
18 PREMIER COUP (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 9-0 ....P Waldron 3
23 0-0 SLEEPLINE CONSORT (Sleepline Holdings) K Brassey 9-0 ....M Hills 2
25 000000- TENDER INCH (B) (T Marshall) M Usher 9-0 ....D McKay 12
30 PIECE OF ART (A Salman) M Jarvis 8-11 ....B Raymond 4

1983: Elmdon 9-0 B Taylor (33-1) J Winter 10 ran.

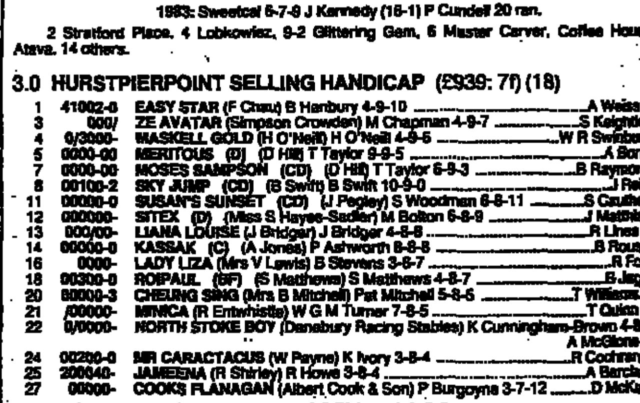
5-2 Pop Picker, 3 Hatching, 9-2 Nazeeh, 6 Premier Coup, 8 Piece Of Art.

***2.30* PYECOMBE APPRENTICE STAKES (£1,364: 1m 2f) (19)**

1 000300/ MONIAR (J Bird) A Moore 5-9-3 ....P John 4
2 120103/ REL TIGER (E Gody) W G M Turner 5-8-3 ....T Williams 5
3 00203-0 COFFEE HOUSE (Mrs I Balding) I Balding 9-8-10 ....A Watkins 5 14
4 024020- LOBKOWIEZ (A Richards) C Brittain 5-8-10 ....Z Fitzgerald 5 16
6 13000/0 THE SUN GOD (Sheikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 5-8-10 ....N Adams 12
8 3-0 *ATAVA (Baroness H Thyssen) D Arbuthnot 4-8-3 ....L Jones 18*
10 0-00 CUTTING EDGE (J Anderson) M Chapman 4-8-3 ....W Osborne 5 6
11 00- DORNEY (Miss L Ennis) A Davison 4-8-3 ....M Moseley 11
12 0/0 HOMEWARD (D Larke) Mrs N Smith 4-8-3 ....G Landau 2
13 0 JACK BILLMEIR (K Cundell) P Cundell 4-8-3 ....S Whitworth 17
14 JUST JOSHUA (D Greig) T M Jones 5-8-3 ....J Kennedy 5 1
15 0224-00 MASTER CARVER (J Pegley) D Wintle 4-8-3 ....A Dicks 5 13
16 000000/ SOME LUTE (G Vanian) D Elsworth 7-8-3 ....D Brown 5 10
17 003220- STRATFORD PLACE (C Wright) D Laing 4-8-3 ....K Radcliffe 5 9
18 000040- TIMSAH (H Al-Maktoum) J Ciechanowski 4-8-3 ....J McLean 15
19 04300-0 BROCKLEY BELLE (C Spares) C Spares 5-8-0 ....W Goldsborough 5 8
20 000320- GLITTERING GEM (Sir Rupert Clarke) K Brassey 4-8-0 ....T Ford 5 19
22 030/00- SANDY LOOKS (Guest Leasing) R Holder 4-8-0 ....P Moss 5 7
23 00000-0 SDENKA ROYAL (Mrs C Blackburn) A Hide 5-8-0 ....K Bradshaw 3

1983: Sweetcal 6-7-9 J Kennedy (16-1) P Cundell 20 ran.

2 Stratford Place, 4 Lobkowiez, 9-2 Glittering Gem, 6 Master Carver, Coffee House, 10 Atava, 14 others.



3.0 HURSTPIERPOINT SELLING HANDICAP (£939: 7f) (18)

1 41002-0 EASY STAR (F Chau) B Hanbury 4-9-10 ....A Weiss 5 8
3 000/ ZE AVATAR (Simpson Crowden) M Chapman 4-9-7 ....S Keightley 17
4 0/3000- MASKELL GOLD (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 4-9-5 ....W R Swinburn 2
5 0000-00 MERITOUS (D) (D Hill) T Taylor 9-9-5 ....A Bond 15
7 0000-00 MOSES SAMPSON (CD) (D Hill) T Taylor 6-9-3 ....B Raymond 10
8 00100-2 SKY JUMP (CD) (B Swift) B Swift 10-9-0 ....J Reid 12
11 00000-0 SUSAN'S SUNSET (CD) (J Pegley) S Woodman 6-8-11 ....S Cauthen 8
12 000000- SITEX (D) (Miss S Hayes-Sadler) M Bolton 6-8-9 ....J Matthias 14
13 000/00- LIANA LOUISE (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-8-8 ....R Lines 5 3
14 00000-0 KASSAK (C) (A Jones) P Ashworth 8-8-8 ....B Rouse 7
16 0000- LADY LIZA (Mrs V Lewis) B Stevens 3-8-7 ....R Fox 18
18 00300-0 ROIPAUL (BF) (S Matthews) S Matthews 4-8-7 ....B Jago 1
20 00000-3 CHEUNG SING (Mrs B Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 5-8-5 ....T Williams 7 5
21 /00000- MINICA (R Entwhistle) W G M Turner 7-8-5 ....T Quinn 3 13
22 0/0000- NORTH STOKE BOY (Danebury Racing Stables) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-5 A McGlone 3 9
24 00200-0 MR CARACTACUS (W Payne) K Ivory 3-8-4 ....R Cochrane 11
25 200040- JAMEENA (R Shirley) R Howe 3-8-4 ....A Barclay 16
27 00000- COOKS FLANAGAN (Albert Cook & Son) P Burgoyne 3-7-12 ....D McKay 4

1983: Sky Jump 9-8-8 G Dickie (13-2) B Swift 17 ran.

7-2 Sky Jump, 9-2 Jameena, 6 Cheung Sing, 7 Susan's Sunset, Mr Caractacus, 8 Meritous, 10 Roipal, Easy Star, 14 others.

Brighton selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Pop Picker. 2.30 Lobkowiez. 3.0 Sky Jump. 3.30 Mellow Dance. 4.0 Lady Kamina. 4.30 Shoot Pool. 5.0 Sharp Shot.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Nazeeh. 2.30 Lobkowiez. 3.0 Easy Star. 3.30 Mellow Dance. 4.0 The Friend.

3.30 BRIGHTON FESTIVAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,106: 1m) (10)

1 233110- BOLD PATRIACH (P Winfield) J Dunlop 9-7 ....W Carson 2
3 00-2110 MELLOW DANCE (D) (Esal Commodities) P Kelleway 9-0 ....J Reid 7
4 202201- BOBBY DAZZLER (B) (R Morley) D Laing 8-12 ....M Malham 4
6 004321- DOUBLE QUICK TIME (CD) (Mrs W McAlpine) R Smyth 8-8 ....S Cauthen 5
8 00001-2 FOOT PATROL (BF) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 8-6 ....P Waldron 6
9 40330- RIGIDSKI (T Waterman) J Winter 8-5 ....B Rouse 1
11 0014- KUWAIT PALACE (Sheikh Fahad) G Huffer 8-5 ....B Crossley 9
12 0d0000- HOUSE HUNTER (D Humphreys) C Horgan 8-2 ....A McGlone 3 3
13 030001- SHARP REMARK (S Wong) B Hanbury 7-11 ....P Hamblett 8
14 130000- DELLWOOD IRIS (C) (F Dellafara) W Holden 7-11 ....C McKay 10

1983: Amarone 8-6 S Whitworth (33-1) R Simpson 17 ran.

7-4 Mellow Dance, 3 Kuwait Palace, 4 Double Quick Time, 7 Foot Patrol, 9 Bobby Dazzler.

FORM: MELLOW DANCE (7-10) 6th to Spanish Place, btn 4-4l (Doncaster, 8f, £8,788, good, Mar 22). BOBBY DAZZLER (9-7) won Leicester nursery with DELLWOOD IRIS (9-2) not in first 18 (7f, £1,754, good to firm, Oct 31). DOUBLE QUICK TIME (9-5) beat Green Mist (9-1) 1l over course and distance (£3,307, good to firm, Oct 4). FOOT PATROL (8-1) 2nd to Pagan Sun, btn 10l (Doncaster, 7f £4,487, soft, Mar 24). Last season (8-13) beat Hellcatmudwrestler (9-3) 2l at Newmarket (6f, £3,657, good to firm, Oct 29). SHARP REMARK (8-5) had RIGIDSKI (9-7) 4l back in 5th when winning at Edinburgh (7f, £952, good to firm, Nov 2).
SELECTION: FOOT PATROL.

***4.0* OVINGDEAN HANDICAP (£2,194: 1m 4f) (15)**

2 002400- GUNNER'S BELLE (H Spearing) M Blanshard 4-9-7 ....P Waldron 12
3 331032/ TAFFY JONES (P Hayes) M McCormack 5-9-5 ....S Cauthen 10
4 0b1144- THE FRIEND (B) (D) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) Thomson Jones 6-9-3 A Murray 4
5 40000-0 NORTH BRITON (D) (W Gredley) C Brittain 5-9-0 ....T Ives 14
6 12440-0 WIDD (CD) (T Mills) D Mills 7-8-13 ....R Still 5
7 310021- LADY KAMINA (C) (J Vlall) P Haynes 5-8-13 ....N Dawe 5 6
9 003000- SOLAR LIGHT (M Fordham) Mrs N Smith 4-8-11 ....R Hills 3 15
11 033204- PROFIT WARRANT (M Heinimann) Pat Mitchell 5-8-11 ....T Williams 7 9
12 008000- INCHGOWER (CD) (Miss D Downes) W Wightman 7-8-9 ....B Rouse 11
13 00/230- STAR CHARTER (R Ellis) J Jenkins 4-8-7 ....Pat Eddery 2
14 30410-0 MOPSY LOVEJOY (F Bolan) B Stevens 4-8-2 ....A McGlone 3 7
15 402010- TOWER WIN (C) (Mrs D Atkins) R Atkins 7-7-12 ....J Williams 3
17 /00002- WORTH AVENUE (P Ormrod) M Chapman 8-7-10 ....B Crossley 1
18 400000/ CAWARRA LAD (Mrs M Kenyon-Holden) C James 5-7-8 ....R Fox 8
19 00000- MY CHERIE (R Voorspuy) R Voorspuy 3-7-7 ....D Brown 7 13

1983: Widd 6-7-11 B Crossley (5-2 fav) D Mills 12 ran.

3 Taffy Jones, 4 Inchgower, 5 Gunner's Belle, 13-2 Worth Avenue, 8 North Briton, *Mopsy* Lovejoy, 12 Star Charter, 16 others.

4.30 SOUTHWICK MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £822: 5f) (6)

1 2 DISTING (S Mirchandani) H Beasley 9-0 ....G Sexton 1
3 MEDELIM (T Thorn) J Bridger 9-0 ....R Lines 5 2
5 *SHAMIN'S PRIDE (N Sarif) D Jenny 9-0 ....W Carson 4*
6 2 SHOOT POOL (BF) (P Nelson) G Hunter 9-0 ....Pat Eddery 6
10 TANA MIST (C Corvy) R Voorspuy 8-11 ....J Reid 5
11 TCOYA (Mrs M Saunders) B Stevens 8-11 ....R Fox 3

8-13 Shoot Pool, 3 Disting, 6 Medelim, 12 Tcoya, 16 others.

5.0 SEVEN DIALS STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £1,665: 6f) (11)

1 0000-0 AIR STRIKE (Mrs A Price) B Stevens 9-0 ....R Fox 4
3 000000- BARNABY GRAND (G Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 9-0 ....T Williams 7 6
9 FORWARD MARCH (Mrs W McAlpine) R Smyth 9-0 ....S Cauthen 8
11 0- GREY BEARD (Elsha Holding) A Ingham 9-0 ....G Ramshaw 2
13 6- HONOURABLE ADMIRAL (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 9-0 ....J Reid 11
19 00- SADARA BOY (H Saunders) L Holt 9-0 ....P Waldron 10
20 233430- SHADES OF BLUE (Canewdon Consultants) M Blanshard 9-0 ....N Adams 7 5
21 034434- SHARP SHOT (Windflower Overseas) J Dunlop 9-0 ....W Carson 9
24 00000-0 SPICE MARKET (Mrs O Lusty) S Matthews 9-0 ....B Jago 3
27 00-0 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (R Sangster) R Simpson 8-11 ....S Whitworth 7 7
29 004-0 NIEKA (D Brodie) M McCormack 8-11 ....A Murray 8

13-8 Sharp Shot, 5-2 Shades Of Blue, 9-2 Nieka, 8 Air Strike, 12 Honourable Admiral.

Guineas acceptors

GENERAL ACCIDENT 1000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I, 1m, Newmarket, May 3): 69 first acceptors: Admirable, Athenian Primrose, Athenia, Babacoota, Be My Queen, Betsy Bay, Big Night Out, Boezinge, Bryony Rose, Calaloo Sioux, Cambridge Lodge, Capricorn Belle, Captive Spirit, Cedilla, Charmel Affair, Clare Bridge, Coulee Queen, Dawn Star, Desirable, Eljazzi, Elkie Brooks, Fair Dominion, Fargaze, Gala Event, Gift Star, Glen Na Smole, Glowing With Pride, Gunner Girl, Hire A Brain, Inspire, Jameelapi, Klariff, Leipzig, L'Orangerie.

Mahogany, Maruthayoor, Masarika, Meis El-Reem, Miss Beaulieu, Miss Sica Key, Miss Tanarava, Mrs Bennet, Mystery Ship, Nadia Nerina, Nepula, Net Cord, Nonesuch Bay, Open Country, Optical Girl, Optimistic Lass, Outward's Gal, Pebbles, Poquito Queen, Preobrajenska, Prickle, Princess Patti, Quelle Chance, Reflection, Rocket Alert, Salala, Sandy Island, Seattle Siren, Shadiliya, Shindella, Shoot Clear, Stinging Nettle, Sumaya, Trisgonal, Troyanna.

Chester weights

LADBROKES CHESTER CUP (handicap, 2m 2f 97yd, Chester, May 9): 64 entries: Condell 5 10 0, *Creator 5 9 13, His Honour 4 9 11, High* Cannon 4 9 10, Gildoran 4 9 10, Another Sam 7 9 10, Dancing Affair 4 9 9, Faroor 4 9 5, Valuable Witness 4 9 2, Mubarak Of Kuwait 5 8 11, Prince Of Peace 4 8 11, Miltini 4 8 11, Lochbolsdale 4 8 10, Special Vintage 4 8 10, Night Eye 4 8 9, *Prince of Princes 5 8 9,* Orange Reef 4 8 8, Pretty Picture 5 8 7.

Moon Mariner 4 8 5, Red Duster 4 8 3, Morgans Choice 7 8 3, Hi Love 4 8 2, Contester 4 8 2, Turkoman 5 8 2, Fortune's Guest 4 8 2, Kayudee 4 8 2, Spigot Shaft 4 8 1, Hi Easter 4 7 13, Jackdaw 4 7 13, Snow Mallard 4 7 12, Sabatash 4 7 11, Sneak Preview 4 7 11, Fighter Pilot 4 7 10, Rikki Tavi 4 7 10, Symbolic 4 7 10, Armonit 4 7 10, Powersaver Lad 4 7 10.

Azara 4 7 8, Mister Lord 5 7 8, Feelty 4 7 7, Wordsworth 4 7 6, Dark Proposal 6 7 6, Rushmoor 6 7 6, Anex 7 7 4, Feels Right 4 7 3, *Cut A Dash 5 7 3, Pearlpin 4 7 2, Malldeour 5 7* 1, Philpride 4 7 0, Lisally 4 7 0, Canio 7 6 13, Asserter 5 6 2, Cheka 8 6 11, Graphics Solar 6 6 10, Tree Mallow 6 6 10, Hopeful Shot 7 6 10, Basta 5 6 9, Auld Lang Syne 5 6 7, Atlantic Traveller 7 6 3, Matin 4 6 3, Nation Wide 11 5 10, Worth Avenue 8 5 8, Basti 9 5 6.

Results from Cheltenham

Going: Good to firm

2.0 PAINSWICK NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,604: 2m)

HAZY SUNSET br g by Menelek–Sunset Queen 7-11-12 ....J Francome (8-13 fav) 1
Super Grass b g by Thatch–Papi Image 5-10-12 ....M Perrett (7-1) 2
Light Song ch g by True Song–Calley Light 5-10-12 ....K Mooney (33-1) 3

Also Ran: 7 Artist's Design (5th), 20 Wild Corn (4th), Tender Angus, Slave Lane, 25 Edouardo Fox (6th), 33 Bargill, 50 Astrosyn (p up), King's Pardon, Sperlamo, 66 Storton, Ascot Again, Halation's Flair. 15 ran. 4l, 1½l. F Winter at Lambourn. TOTE: Win: £1.90. Places: £1.50, £1.70, £6.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £5.75.

2.35 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS CHAMPIONSHIP (£7,029: 2m 4f)

GAMBIR br g by Simbir–Persian Gal 6-11-8 P Scudamore (Evens fav) 1
Ceec Na Cuille b g by Gombos–Lament 7-11-4 ....R Rowe (10-1) 2
Aces Wild b g by Raise You Ten–Pepperdstown 6-11-11 *J Francome* (6-4) 3

Also Ran: 14 Shiny Copper (4th), 100 Whittington (5th). 5 ran. 20l, 8l. D Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.40, £1.40. DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.98.

***3.10 GEOFFREY REEVE HANDICAP HURDLE* (£2,847: 2m 4f)**

WELSH DISPLAY b g by Pageant–Born Free 7-9-8 ....B Powell (33-1) 1
Marshell Key b g by Deep Run–Shinaro 6-10-13 ....J O'Neill (5-1 fav) 2
Mister Lord b g by Sir Ivor–Forest Friend 5-10-11 ....M Perrett (8-1) 3

Also Ran: 11-2 Anax (4th), 8 Alastor O Mavros (6th), Veleso, 9 Gainsay 10 Road to Mandalay (pu), 12 Aleos, 16 Miners Lodge, 20 Dame Sue (5th), Neat, 25 Beatin (fell), 50 *Taniwa, Wee Willam. 15 ran. NR:* Mount Harvard, Cantabile. hd, 1½l. L G Kennard at Taunton.

TOTE: Win: £35.40. Places: £5.30, £1.40, £3.00. DF: £154.80. CSF: £169.45. TRICAST: £1,474.23.

3.45 GOLDEN MILLER CHASE (LIMITED *HANDICAP* £12,770 3m 2f)

PLUNDERING b g by Brave Invader–Ethel's Delight 7-10-0 ....B de Haan (5-1) 1
Ashley House b g by Fidel–Vickar's Pride 10-11-0 ....G Bradley (8-1) 2
Drumlargan b g by Twilight Alley–Awro Jet 10-11-10 ....Mr F Codd (7-2 fav) 3

Also Ran: 4 A Kinsman (6th), 15-2 Fred Pilliner, 8 Special Cargo (5th), 10 Scot Lane, 25 Somtulla Boy (4th), 50 Integration (pu) & Brave Jack. 10 ran, nk, hd. F Winter at Lambourn.

TOTE: Win: £7.50. Places: £2.20, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £23.50. CSF: £37.88. TRICAST: £130.24.

4.20 HOLMAN CUP (Handicap *Chase:* £4,320: 2m)

TOIRDEALBHACH ch h by Florescence–Andromeda Nebula 10-10-1 ....F Berry (4-1) 1
Cardinal's Outburst br g by Fury Royal–Easter Speaker 9-10-0 ....P Warner (12-1) 2
Little Bay b g by Little Buskins– Keem Bay 9-11-12 ....J J O'Neill (evns fav) 3

Also Ran: 6 Drumgora (4th) 8 Ragatan (PU) 14 Water Rock (5th) 100 Current Chance (6th).

TOTE: Win: £3.70. Places: £1.30, £4.20. DF: £17.70. CSF: £40.00. ¾l, sh hd. P O'Connor at Ticknall 7 ran.

4.55 PAINSWICK NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,545: 2m)

GOLDEN BRIGADIER b g by Brigadier Gerard– Golden Fez 6-10-12 P Murphy (5-1) 1
Flamington b g by Bargello– Lauze 5-10-12 S Morshead (5-1) 2
No-U-Turn b g by Nonoalco– Raffmarie 6-10-12 ....M Perrett (5-1) 3

Also Ran: 7-2 fav Chaffinch (5th), 5 Tudor Jester, 14 Flaxen Tina, Noble Blade, 20 Crumpet Catcher (4th), Quite Hot (6th), 33 Madam Butterfly, 50 Country Spark, 66 Flair Wen (pu).
TOTE: Win: £4.10. Places: £1.90, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £12.30. CSF: £27.93. NR: Blonde Bombshell. 2l, 1½l, J Old at Bristol. 12 ran.

TOTE DOUBLE: £92.25. TREBLE: 32.40. JACKPOT: NOT WON. PLACEPOT: £37.65.

Hamilton Park

Going: Soft.

2.15 (5f stakes) 1, MUSIC NYMPH (P Robinson, 11-4); 2, Deneuve (G Duffield, 4-1); 3, Abrasive (K Darley, *11-10 fav).* Also ran: 12 Beg-To-Differ (4th), 20 Aprical, Carousel Nougat (5th), Delifure, 50 Allez (6th). 8 ran. 1½, hd. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £1.50, £1.00. DF: £4.60. CSF: £13.82.

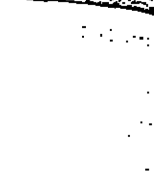
2.45 (5f handicap) 1, RIDALS CHOICE (O Gray, 8-1); 2, Blackpool Belle (G Duffield, 100-30); 3, Papier Mache (K Darley, 11-4 fav). Also ran: 100-30 Superb Princess (5th), 8 Boom Shanty, 11 Rio Branco (4th), 16 Jesters Pet, 20 Early Jazz (6th). 8 ran. 1½l, 2½l. R Hobson at Worksop. Tote: £26.10; £3.00, £1.10, £1.10. DF: Winner or second with any other horse: £1.10. CSF £32.31.

3.15 (1m handicap) 1, QUALITAIR PRINCE (P Robinson, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Carriage Way (S Bridle, 12-1); 3, Vynz Supreme (E Johnson, 14-1). *Also ran: 5 jt-fav Romosa, Evan Banker,* 10 Boy Sandford, 12 Hawidey (4th), Sanoco, Crown Counsel (6th), 14 Elliot, 16 Foolish Ways, 20 Gaygig (5th), 25 Misha, Cameronian Lad. 14 ran. ¾l, 4l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £8.90; £2.20, £6.90, £2.80. DF: £14.80. CSF £58.09. Tricast: £714.32.

3.45 (5f stakes) 1, MARK MELODY (B Coogan, 9-2); 2, Patchburg (E Johnson, 8-1); 3, Swift River (G Duffield, 11-8 fav). Also ran: 6-4 Light Dawn (4th), 25 Aliss Pearl (5th), Arino (6th). 6 ran. ¾l, 2l. D Plant at Warthill. Tote: £6.90; *£2.30, £1.10. DF: £8.70. CSF £34.45. No bid.*

4.15 (1m stakes) 1, THE GAME'S UP (G Duffield, 9-2); 2, Dowaglan (J Mercer, 10-1); 3, Palter (C Dwyer, 8-1). Also ran: 15-8 fav Simple Melody (5th), 13-2 Kuwait Day (6th), 10 Sherwani, Fleur-de-Chriose, 14 Music Wonder (4th), 33 Abs My Boy, Rilin, Udale. 11 ran. NR: Board the Train. 4l ¾l. P Haslam at Newmarket. Tote: £8.30; £2.30, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £47.90. CSF £44.98.

4.45 (1m 5f stakes) 1, PHILPRIDE (C Dwyer, 9-1); 2, Cottage Style (P Robinson, 16-1); 3, *Physical (J Mercer, 7-4 fav). Also ran:* 100-30 Bondoe (5th), 6 Line Abreast (4th), 12 Uptown, 16 Indian, 20 Not Paid, Track Secret (6th), 50 Christowe Boy, Native Law, Ponderonit–12 ran. 4l, 4l. C W Elsey at Malton. Tote: £7.70; £3.50, £8.80, £1.00. DF: £233.50, CSF £124.09. Placepot £185.75.



Law Report April 12 1984

Apportioning insurance money after fire

Beacon Carpets Ltd v Kirby and Another

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson

[Judgment delivered April 4]

Insurance money paid out in respect of premises destroyed by fire and never rebuilt was held to belong to the landlords and the tenants in shares proportionate to their respective interests in the premises immediately before the fire.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plaintiff tenants, Beacon Carpets Ltd, from the judgment of Mr Justice Russell who on November 10, 1982 awarded the plaintiffs £2 nominal damages on their claim that the defendant landlords, Malcolm Batsford Kirby and Hugh Montagu Butterworth, were in breach of their covenant to insure fully warehouse premises at St Paul's Lane, Bournemouth, but rejected their claim for damages in respect of failure to rebuild the warehouse following a fire, or alternatively, to the money paid out under the insurance policy.

Mr John Melville Williams, QC and Mr Toby Kempster for the tenants; Mr Jonathan Fulthorpe and Mr Martin Rose for the landlords.

LORD JUSTICE BROWNE-WILKINSON said that under a lease dated June 24, 1972, the defendants, as landlords, let a warehouse to the plaintiffs for 14 years. The lease provided that in addition to ordinary rent the tenants would pay sums equal to the amount which the landlords might expend in insuring the premises, and the tenants covenanted to keep the premises in repair.

The landlords covenanted to insure the premises, together with a sum sufficient to cover two years' rent, against *inter alia*, fire in full value in the joint names of the landlords and the tenants, and that, in the case of destruction of the premises they would "with all convenient speed or lay out all moneys received in respect of such insurance in rebuilding".

The landlords insured the premises for £30,000 plus £3,000 to cover two years' rent and architects' and surveyors' fees. The policy named the insured as the landlords and the tenants "for their respective rights and interests".

It was common ground that the premises were substantially under-insured, the sum necessary for reinstatement in the event of total loss being a little over £50,000.

The premises were destroyed by fire on July 16, 1977, and of the sum paid by the insurance company at a later date £26,484 was available for reconstruction.

In November 1978 the tenants made it clear that they no longer wished to occupy any building which might be constructed, and the site remained vacant.

The writ and statement of claim in the action were served on October 5, 1979. On October 29, 1979, the £26,484 was paid over by the insurance company and put into a joint account in the names of the parties' solicitors, and in December 1979 the tenants agreed to release half the insurance money to the landlords. The tenants surrendered the lease to the landlords on March 20, 1980, and in 1981 the landlords sold the property for £20,000.

The court was told that at the trial little attention was paid to the complicated pleadings. The judge said that the question he had to answer was whether the building should have been erected at some date before June 1979.

The tenants claimed, in the alternative, that they were entitled to the whole of the insurance moneys relying on *In re King* ([1963] Ch 459).

It was pointed out early in the appeal that the landlords' covenant to expend all moneys "received" in respect of the insurance could not be broken until those moneys had in fact been received. Accordingly, no breach could have occurred before October 29, 1979 and the main question decided by the judge was irrelevant.

Faced with that difficulty, the tenants sought to argue that the landlords were in breach of covenant since, even after receipt of the insurance moneys, they never applied them in rebuilding. But the conduct of the parties was only consistent with a tacit assumption by both that there was to be no rebuilding, the unconditional release to the landlords of half the insurance moneys was wholly inconsistent with a continuing claim by the tenants that the moneys should be applied in rebuilding and must have constituted an implied release of such right.

The basic right of both the landlords and the tenants in the insurance moneys was to have them applied in rebuilding for their respective benefit. But they had managed to reach a position where they had by their own acts released that right without agreeing how the moneys were to be dealt with. It was not surprising that the legal result of their unusual actions was uncertain.

The only explanation for the parties' conduct was that both assumed that the building would not be rebuilt and were, in default of agreement, treating the insurance moneys as standing in the place of the building.

On that approach *In re King* was irrelevant. But, even applying the principles in *In re King*, it was impossible to hold that the insurance moneys belonged wholly to the landlords or to the tenants. The apportionment of obligations between landlord and tenant was quite different to that in *In re King*.

If both the landlords and the tenants had an interest in the policy moneys, those interests could only be quantified by reference to their respective interests in the property the subject matter of the insurance. The interests in the policy moneys came into existence at the date of the fire when the right to the policy moneys arose.

His Lordship would allow the appeal and substitute a declaration that the insurance moneys belonged to the landlords and the tenants in shares proportionate to their respective interests in the demised premises (land and buildings) immediately before the fire.

Lord Justice Slade delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, concurring, said that as the pleadings had not adequately defined the issues, it was not surprising that at the trial counsel had released themselves from them. Nevertheless, that was an irregularity which should not have occurred, and which the judge should not have allowed to occur.

Pleadings should identify the issues. If they did not, the parties might explore irrelevant issues. That had happened in the instant case.

At a trial, departures from the pleadings should be identified to the judge and leave obtained for them to be made. If the justice of the case required them to be allowed they would be; and when they were, the appropriate amendments should be made and a copy handed to the associate.

Solicitors: Atkins, Walter & Locke, Dorking; J.M.B. Turner & Co, Bournemouth.

Refusing to stay ship's arrest

The Tuyuti

Before Lord Justice Ackner and Lord Justice Robert Goff

[Judgment delivered April 6]

The Admiralty Court had jurisdiction to exercise its discretion to refuse to order the stay of a warrant to arrest a ship in an action *in rem* even though a stay of that action was granted pursuant to section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1975. If it appeared to the court that such a stay might be lifted because any subsequent arbitration award in favour of cargo owners would not be honoured by the ship owners, then the court was not bound to order the stay of execution of the warrant of arrest.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff cargo owners from the order of Mr Justice Sheen made on March 29, 1984, whereby he had ordered a stay of the execution of a warrant to arrest the vessel Tuyuti owned by the defendants.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

In 1982 the Tuyuti was loaded with cargo at Montevideo for carriage to Europe. En route cargo was damaged. The cargo owners claimed that the damage to the cargo resulted from the ship's unseaworthiness.

The bill of lading in respect of the cargo contained provisions for disputes arising under that bill to be referred to arbitration in London.

On January 31, 1984, the cargo owners issued a writ *in rem* and obtained a warrant of arrest of the Tuyuti under Order 75, rule 5, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The writ remained unserved and the Admiralty Marshall had been unable to comply with the command to arrest as the Tuyuti remained outside the jurisdiction. Its arrival within the jurisdiction was expected shortly.

The ship owners, however, to avoid the arrest, made a "pre-emptive strike": they filed an acknowledgement of service that had the result of deeming that the writ had been served (see Order 10, rule 1(5)) and of putting the ship owners in the position of defendants to a writ *in personam*.

By February 27, 1984, the parties had agreed to submit their disputes to arbitration. And on March 29, Mr Justice Sheen had granted the ship owners an order that the action *in rem* against the Tuyuti be stayed under section 1(1) of the Arbitration Act 1975 and that the warrant of arrest of that ship be stayed until further order.

Mr Richard Aikens for the plaintiff cargo owners; Mr Nigel Teare for the defendant ship owners.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that on the basis that Mr Justice Sheen had been right to grant the stay of the action under section 1 of the 1975 Act, the cargo owners contended on two alternative grounds that the judge had been wrong to order the stay of the warrant of arrest.

First, it was said that the court had power under section 12(6)(f) of the Arbitration Act 1950 to allow, or to order, the arrest of a ship for the purpose of obtaining security in the arbitration.

That same argument, however, had been advanced and rejected by Mr Justice Brandon in both *The Golden Trader* ([1975] QB 348) and *The Rena K* ([1979] QB 377). He had been correct in stating that section 12(6)(f) did not give the court power to arrest a ship, or to keep her under arrest, in order to provide security for a claim in an arbitration. There was no ground for interfering with Mr Justice Sheen's decision on that point.

Second, the cargo owners relied on the principle enunciated by Mr Justice Brandon in *The Rena K*. He pointed out that a claimant who obtained an award in an arbitration was not prevented from pursuing his remedy *in rem*. He then stated that where it was shown by the claimant that an arbitration award in his favour was unlikely to be satisfied by a ship owner, the security available in the action *in rem* could be ordered to stand so that, if the claimant had thereafter to pursue the action *in rem* (possibly using an unsatisfied arbitration award for the purpose of an issue of estoppel), the security would remain available in that action.

Relying on that decision, the cargo owners contended that as the ship owners might be unable to satisfy any award in the arbitration, no stay of the warrant of arrest should be granted. Mr Justice Sheen had rejected that argument on the ground that the decision of the Court of Appeal in *The Vasso* (*The Times* December 20, 1983; [1984] 2 WLR 570) established that the court's jurisdiction to order or to maintain an arrest in an action *in rem* could not be exercised for the purpose of providing security for an arbitration award until section 26 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 was brought into force.

But there the judge had erred – it had not been suggested to him at that particular stage of the argument that it would be appropriate for the court to exercise its jurisdiction to arrest for the purpose of providing security for an award in the arbitration proceedings. The whole point in *The Rena K* was that the security should be provided not for an arbitration award but for a judgment in the action *in rem* itself, should the stay of the action subsequently be lifted after failure by the ship owners to satisfy an award in the arbitration.

The reasoning of Mr Justice Brandon in *The Rena K* was persuasive and the principle stated by him in it was accepted.

Turning to the evidence it appeared that it would be appropriate for that principle to be applied. The ship owners' P & I club was being wound up in Bermuda, the Tuyuti and another ship under the same ownership were heavily mortgaged and other cargo claims were in existence. It followed that the cargo owners' appeal should be allowed and that Mr Justice Sheen's order staying the warrant of arrest should be reversed.

Lord Justice Ackner agreed.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co, Guildford; Ince & Co.

Foreign conviction no bar

Regina v Thomas (Keith William)

Before Lord Justice Griffiths, Mr Justice Bristow and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment delivered March 29]

A conviction in a foreign court would give rise to a successful plea in bar to a prosecution in England for the same offence only if the defendant had been, or would be, in reality, in danger of punishment as a result of the foreign conviction.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held giving its reasons for dismissing, on March 8, an appeal by the defendant, Mr Keith William Thomas, against his conviction in November 1982 of two offences of theft.

Mr Tudor Owen, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the defendant; Mr Caesar Crespi for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the defendant had been employed as an accounts manager in Italy and had stolen £95,721 from his employer by transferring that sum without authority from the employer's Italian bank to a false bank account in London, leaving Italy, and then having the money withdrawn from the false account on his behalf.

A Venetian court had found him guilty in his absence of aggravated fraud in respect of those transactions, and had sentenced him to two years' penal servitude and a fine of 300,000 lire.

He could not have been extradited to Italy, nor could he ever be required to return there, and it was therefore almost certain that he would not serve a day of that sentence nor pay a lire of the fine.

He had subsequently been prosecuted in England in respect of the same transactions and had been convicted. This appeal had been brought on the ground that he had been entitled to plead *autrefois convict*, or an equivalent plea in bar, to the English prosecution, and that the trial judge should have stopped the prosecution as likely to create an abuse or injustice.

The Crown had accepted that the charges brought in England and Italy were substantially the same and that it was possible for a foreign conviction or acquittal to form the basis of a plea in bar, as Lord Diplock had indicated in *Treacy v DPP* ([1971] AC 537, 561). *R v Roche* ((1775) 1 Leach 134) and *R v Anghel* ((1918) 13 Cr App R 101) also supported that proposition.

However, the Crown had contended that the plea in bar was not available when in truth and in reality the accused had not been in peril or jeopardy abroad at all, and that it only arose when it was attempted to put a man in jeopardy for the second time on the same facts (see *R v King* ([1897] 1 QB 214)), "jeopardy" there meaning a "real risk of danger of punishment following conviction".

For the defendant it had been argued that the fact of conviction by itself was enough to found the plea in bar, and *R v Sheridan* ([1937] 1 KB 223) and *Connelly v DPP* ([1964] AC 1254) had been cited in support of that contention. However in neither of those cases had the first conviction been in a foreign court, and in both cases the accused had undoubtedly faced and been in reach of the court on each of the two prosecutions.

In the court's judgment, the defendent had never truly been in jeopardy in Italy. If he had been before the Italian court when convicted, then he would have been able successfully to plead *autrefois convict*.

However, where an accused man was absent and took no part in the foreign porceedings, and might not even be aware of them, it would be wholly contary to the principles underlying the pleas in bar and unjust that a conviction recorded in such circumstances should inhibit the English court. The principles in *Connelly's* case simply did not bite unless the first conviction had or could reasonably have some effect.

Public confidence would be offended were an English trial required to be stopped in such circumstances and an injustice would have been done if this trial had not taken place.

Once the English sentence had been served, it seemed extremely unlikely, in the basis of comity, that the Italian authorites would ever seek to enforce the Venice sentence even if the defendant did return to Italy.

There might be cases where a conviction abroad in the accused's absence could give rise to a succcessful plea in bar, but on the facts of this case, the trial judge had rightly held that he was not bound by authority to grant the accused the protection of the plea in bar.

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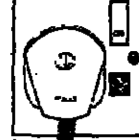
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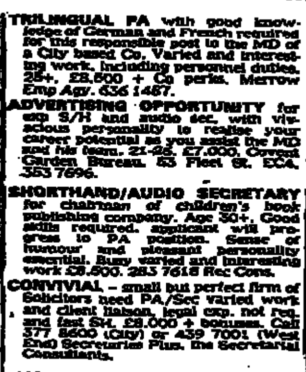
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Can you bank on this scheme?

Edward Fennell analyses the report on a government-inspired loan scheme and below. Sally Hesmondhalgh looks at the difficulties faced by one small enterprise

Budding businessmen and women will not have been encouraged by last week's report on the Small Firms Loan Guarantee Scheme. The scheme was set up by the Department of Trade three years ago on a pilot basis to make finance more easily available to potential entrepreneurs who had bright ideas but neither a track record nor adequate capital. By guaranteeing 80 per cent of the loans made by the bank to small businesses under the scheme, the Government was hoping to encourage more adventurous lending, thereby sparking off thousands of small-scale enterprises.

Unfortunately the report, by consultants Robson Rhodes, suggests that however worthy the scheme's objectives, results have been disappointing. About one in three of the businesses backed by the scheme have failed, so rather than being self-financing the scheme is now running at a loss.

Robson Rhodes puts the blame on pretty well everyone. The small businesses themselves are accused of incompetence and the banks of poor judgment in their appraisal of applicants. They are also taken to task for inadequate monitoring of performance once loans have been made.

At the deepest level the problems are cultural. New small businesses are more likely to collapse than thrive because British owners lack the kind of realism, determination, commercial acumen and financial awareness necessary for success.

Too often it seems that what motivates the fledgeling entrepreneur is sentimentality about the merits of self-employment rather than pragmatism about economic viability. Add lack of experience and training and failure is likely. There are lots of people with ideas but very few capable of making them work.

Since the Robson Rhodes report, the future of the Small Firm's Loan Guarantee Scheme is under review. A decision is expected next month but the prediction is that, despite the failures, the scheme will continue for political reasons.

The signs are that already some banks have been panicking and effectively withdrawn both moral and financial support from their SFLG customers. The danger is that rather than encouraging enterprise the scheme is going to make the banks more wary of lending to beginners.

One businessman who has suffered under the scheme is John Murphy, who opened a restaurant and delicatessen a year ago on money obtained on an SFLG. After a promising start, Murphy had cash-flow problems. Not surprisingly there were difficulties in the slack time after Christmas, which is always a dead period for catering. The bank responded without warning by bouncing cheques and insisting that Murphy sell up. Further credit was made conditional on getting shot of the business as rapidly as possible.

Mr Murphy comments: "I felt that the bank was overreacting because of the general anxieties about SFLG. They were making an irrational decision because we hadn't had a full year's trading. Moreover they weren't giving me any opportunity to get over the teething difficulties faced by every new business".

In retrospect Mr Murphy thinks that his bank was only reluctantly making loans under SFLG and was looking for any excuse to get out.

The conclusion has to be that schemes like SFLG are not sufficient in themselves to generate the spirit of successful enterprise among small businesses. Education for the small business-operator (already available but not fully exploited) needs to be taken more seriously. And the attitudes of the banks must be clarified.

Business survivors – but oh the work!

Ken and Heather Bull work six to seven days a week. They cannot take a holiday because they cannot afford to leave someone else in charge of their business. Yet their present financial reward is less than when both were in full-time employment. Is self-employment the cushy option it's made out to be?

Ken and Heather always wanted to run their own business. Ken spent much of his working life as a chef in Jersey. He and Heather saved hard, but houses – at £50,000 – and the guesthouse they considered – at £75,000 – were out of their price range.

Heather's flowering talent

Eventually they came to the South of England, Ken to a job as chef in a New Forest hotel, Heather to work as a dental receptionist. They bought a flat at Lymington, and kept saving. After a few years Ken became head chef in a Lymington hotel, which was expanding and wanted a first-rate, continental-cuisine chef. The yachting industry in Lymington was booming; hotels and shops were doing well.

Heather had always wanted to work with flowers, and when leased premises became vacant in Lymington High Street, it seemed an excellent idea to start a flower shop. The couple mortgaged their flat to buy the lease and stock and fittings.

Heather spent £1,000 on a three-month intensive floristry course, and took over the management of the shop, which they named Buds 'n' Blooms.

Then came the recession – and the struggle. Ken took an 18-month day release course in commercial floristry to be able to help Heather. He continued to work as a chef, and divided his time between split shifts at the hotel and driving around delivering to weddings and funerals.

They converted part of the shop to sell ice cream to the summer tourists. This was successful, helping to cover the shop costs, but it means they had to open on Sundays throughout the season.

Ken now works seven days a week. He often spends all night driving 90 miles and back to buy flowers at London's Nine Elms market. Heather works six to seven days, which can last from 9 am to 8 pm if she has a rush order.

Says Ken: "It's not just the days. We talk about it at home in the evenings. It's on your mind all the time."

The business is running at a steady profit now, but Heather says she had more spending money when she was a receptionist. When they were full-time employees, they had their evenings and weekends free. Has it been worth devoting all their combined efforts to the business?

Says Heather: "We will probably be better off in the long run, if we carry on."

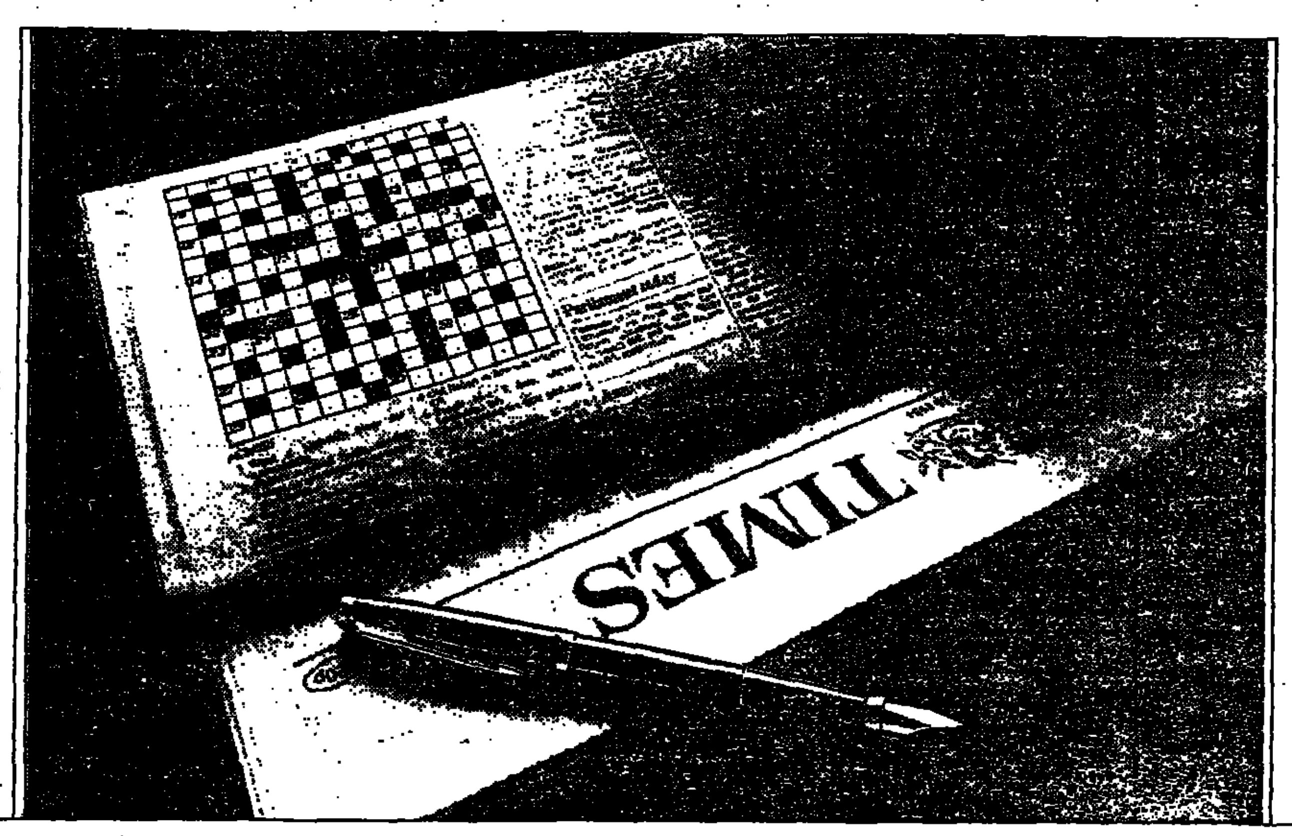
"I want to carry on", says Ken. "I am not going to waste the last five years. We are capable of doing much more business. It is a question of slowly building up custom by being pleasant and giving good service. I hate letting my customers down."

Going down a dark tunnel

Many first-time business owners give up after three years, so Heather and Ken believe they have done well to survive for five years in the present economic climate.

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DEATHS

WATSON. - On April 7th, 1984, peacefully, at 8 Donovan Avenue, Muswell Hill, Ethel Harland Watson, in her 92nd year. Headmistress for many years of Hillside School, 10 Lyndhurst Road, Hampstead, NW3, and prior to that headmistress of the Junior School at Frognal School. Greatly loved by her large family of relatives, friends and former pupils. Service at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, Hampstead, at 11 am on Monday, April 16th, followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers to Cooksey and Sons Ltd, 190 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, N20

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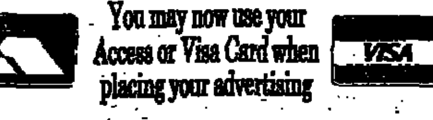
1. Receiving and considering the accounts, the balance sheet and the reports of the Board and Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 1983.
2. Electing Auditors in lieu of D. J. Russell B.Ec., F.C.A. and R.W. Turner B.Ec., F.C.A., who retire in terms of By-law 58 and are eligible for re-election.
3. Transacting any other business that may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Society's By-laws.

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Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18.
9.00 The French Way. A profile of the French town of Majac (r). 9.30 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Shireen Shah (r). 10.55 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Philip Hayton and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes an interview with Anthony Quayle; pet advice from vet Brian Watkins; and health and beauty hints from Moyra Bremner. 1.45 Fingerbobs. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).
2.00 Racing from Cheltenham features the Railfreight Jockeys World Championship, raced over four events – The Freight Train Handicap Hurdle (2.15); the Speedlink Distribution Handicap Hurdle (2.50); the Railfreight Handicap Steeplechase (3.25) and (on BBC 2) the Speedlink International Novices' Handicap Hurdle (4.00).
3.40 Cartoon Double Bill. 3.53 Regional news (not London). 3.55 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan. 4.20 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r). 4.25 Jigsaw. Brain-testing fun with Adrian Hedley. 4.40 Huckleberry Finn and his Friends (r). 5.05 Newsround with Paul McDowell. 5.10 Blue Peter. The souvenirs for the year 2000 are completed with the transplant of a giant tree.
5.40 Sixty Minutes includes news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; weather at 5.54; regional magazines at 5.55; and news headlines at 6.38.
6.40 Young Musician of the Year 1984. A preview to the competition that begins next Monday. Margaret Percy talks to last year's winner, Anna Markland, and also meets some of this year's competitors to find out how they are trained and chosen.
7.15 Tomorrow's World includes items on how an additive to aviation fuel can stop a plane from bursting into flames; on an amphibious tractor; and on how scientists are talking to plants and receiving replies.
7.40 Top of the Pops with Dave Lee Travis and Richard Skinner.
8.05 The Living Planet. The last programme of the series and David Attenborough examines the damage man is causing to oceans, the atmosphere and the rain forests (Ceefax titles page 170).
9.00 Missing from Home. Part two and Alison begins to come to terms with the disappearance of her husband and starts to take stock of her legal and financial affairs.
10.15 Question Time, chaired by Sue Lawley. The panel consists of Alan Clark, MP, Paul Tyler and Jane Reed. From Bristol University.
11.15 Computers in Control. The last of the series examining the world of robotics is entitled Recognizing the Obvious (r).
11.40 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.30; cartoon at 7.25; Christopher Lambert at 7.40; pop video at 7.55.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: Laurel and Hardy in Sugar Daddies* (1927) Directed by Fred Guiol. 10.45 Fascinating Thailand. A look at the country's various Buddha festivals. 11.10 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Captain Crane is on a secret mission to destroy a top security computer (r).
12.00 Benny. The story of Benny and the Rainbow, told by Diane Wilmer. 12.10 Get Up and Go! with Beryl Reid (r). 12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston. 1.30 A Plus. Gill Neville's guests are Edith Rudinger of the Consumer Association, talking about the need to make a will and how to go about it; and Robert Cohen, a highly successful young cellist.
2.00 Take the High Road. Has Fiona been brought home too soon by the Lady Laird? 2.30 Ladykillers, presented by Robert Morley. A reconstruction of the trial of Frederick and Margaret Seddon, accused of murdering their aged lodger (r). 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Benny. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.20 Madabout. Music is the subject. 4.25 The Book Tower. Alun Armstrong with another selection of recommended reading matter. 5.15 The Young Doctors.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Thames Sport. Steve Rider reports from Augusta, Georgia, on the first round of the Masters Golf Tournament. Simon Reed is in the studio to present a profile of England and Southampton goalkeeper, Peter Shilton.
6.50 Carry on Laughing. A compilation of extracts from some of the successful Carry On series of films.
7.20 Film: The Electric Horseman (1979) starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda. A former five-times world cowboy champion now works for a conglomerate, promoting a breakfast cereal. When he discovers a thoroughbred stallion being stuffed with sedatives, steroids and pain killers by his employers he kidnaps the horse and disappears into the desert. Directed by Sydney Pollack (Oracle titles page 170).
9.30 TV Eye. A report on the phenomenon of the American Presidential Campaign – the yuppies, the young urban professionals – 20% of the electorate – whose vote cannot be predicted.
10.00 News.
10.30 Shelley. The new baby will not stop crying so Mrs Hawkins suggests the doctor be sent for (r).
11.00 The Spanish Civil War. The series continues with the story of General Franco (Oracle titles page 170).
12.00 Newhart. American comedy series starring Bob Newhart.
12.25 Night Thoughts.

CHOICE

● Michael Dean, narrating tonight's Forty Minutes documentary SUN CITY (BBC2, 9.30pm), pinpoints its location as being just a siren away from Johannesburg. But the song falls mainly on the ears of whites, and over the South African border they pour and into the black homeland of Bophuthatswana, to sit at the gambling tables or in front of the bare-breasted dancing girls in this carbon-copy Las Vegas. Here is the apartheid of the well-off, to set against the nominal absence of racial apartheid in what is a pleasure ground for whites in a land set aside for blacks. If this is indeed a puppet state as those who abhor South Africa's homelands policy insist it is, then all the strings in Sun City are round the fingers of puppet master Sol Kerzner, the man who has seen this "glossy diversion from the truth about a puppet state" (editorially, we always know where we stand with Michael Dean) rise from what was once a volcanic crater in a stretch of bushland. Mr Kerzner has put money into Bophuthatswana's purse. What he is doing to its soul is something that is not always pleasant to contemplate.

● SURVIVE (Channel 4, 8.00pm), a six-part documentary series about human resilience, both physical and psychological, is the work of a director/writer whose credentials are impeccable. As a war reporter, Nick Downie has spent most of his working life photographing men either killing each other or fighting to stay alive. His mission, if one can call it that, achieves its apotheosis in this new series, because these are life-or-death stories with a vengeance. There are two tonight, both icily set. The first is about an Alaska shipwreck that, for three-and-a-half horrifying weeks, separated a father and his son from two young daughters, lost and believed dead. The second is a story that sickened the world when the details first came to light. It is an account of how Canadian pilot Marten Hartwell, whose plane had crashed in the middle of nowhere in the middle of winter, survived by eating the flesh of one of his passengers. Both stories are the kind that would have been ruined if hurried in the telling. It is the slow accumulation of despairing detail that counts, and Mr Downey's patience with his story-tellers has paid rich and dramatic dividends. Next week, two remarkable accounts of survival in the jungle.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Pure Maths: Completeness. 6.30 History of Mathematics. 6.55 Limestones in south-west England. 7.20 Occupations: Brian's Britain. 7.45 About Frequency Response Ends at 8.10.
9.00 Ceefax.
3.40 Racing from Cheltenham. The fourth and final race of the Railfreight Jockeys World Championship (the previous three races are covered on BBC 1) in the Speedlink International Novices' Handicap Hurdle (4.00) introduced by Julian Wilson with commentary by Peter O'Sullevan and Richard Pitman.
4.20 The Afternoon Show. Drug dependency, and fatherhood. 5.00 Pages from Ceefax.
5.10 Handicapped in the Community. An Open University production that examines how occupational therapists work with clients to arrive at an accurate assessment of their needs. The cases examined involve sufferers from multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis (r).
5.35 News summary with subtitles.
5.40 Film: The Bible . . . in the Beginning (1966) starring John Huston as Noah, Richard Harris as Cain and Peter O'Toole as the three angels. The story of the Creation as written in the Book of Genesis through to the story of Abraham (George C. Scott) and Isaac (Alberto Lucantoni). The task of writing the script fell to poet Christopher Fry, the producer is Dino De Laurentis, the director John Huston.
8.30 Food and Drink presented by Henry Kelly and Susan Grossman. On the menu tonight is a report from the Perigord in south west France, the home of perhaps the rarest and most precious delicacy in the world, the black truffle.
9.00 Mike Harding in Belfast. The diminutive, highly talented comedian and entertainer continues his series of one-man shows.
9.30 Forty Minutes: Sun City (see Choice).
10.10 Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In with guests Nancy Sinatra and The Smothers Brothers (r).
10.40 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main stories of the day.
11.25 Jazz at the Leadmill. Sheffield's Art Centre is the venue for a concert by Joe Newman (trumpet), Dick Morrissey (tenor-sax) and the Tony Mann Trio.
11.55 Open University: Computing: Overseas Containers 12.20 Psychology: Early Interactions. Ends at 12.50.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. Another edition of the fast moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Peter Skiba, a book representative from Blackpool.
5.30 Everybody Here. The first of a new 10-part series for children. In this afternoon's programme the West London Storytellers group perform the story of Freddie and the Kite; and 12-year-old Tony Dunn of Kilburn demonstrates "toasting". There is also a visit to a Greek wedding.
6.00 Barriers. Part 15 and Billy's enthusiasm for music studies wanes so dramatically that he leaves the Zuckmayer Academy before the end of term and returns to Bamburgh with Julie. Meanwhile, in Newcastle, journalist Gunther Walser has disturbing news for Whitaker.
6.30 Grundtvig's Dream, a dramatised documentary celebrating the bicentenary of the birth of the Danish visionary. A priest, politician, poet, scholar and writer, Grundtvig is best known as the person who developed Denmark's attitudes through the idea of national Folk High Schools.
7.00 Channel Four News.
7.50 Comment. With his view on a matter of topical importance is Financial Times journalist, Gareth Griffiths.
8.00 Survive. The first of six programmes by Nick Downie that examine the trials of individual survival when the normal supports of society are stripped away. Tonight's programme, The Frozen North, has two very different tales of endurance (see Choice).
9.00 Soap. Mary is upset by the alien replica of Bert while her real husband is entertained by a 4,000 year old man in space.
9.30 Caught in a Free State. Episode two of the series made by RTE about the escapades of a group of German spies in neutral Ireland during World War Two.
10.35 Statement of Intent. The first of four occasional Link Specials, the magazine programme for the disabled. Tonight's programme examines how disabled people look at the question of institutional care. Reporter Rosalie Wilkins chronicles the progress of the Derbyshire Coalition of Disabled People, led by Ken and Maggie Davis.
11.30 Love, Sidney. American comedy series starring Tony Randall and Swoosie Kurtz. This week Sidney is given a job by Stoller when Sidney provides him with a brilliant advertising slogan.
12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News, Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping, inc. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather; Travel; News, Rollercoaster. John Richard Baker and guests for a sequence of items including 10.00, 11.00 News. 10.30 Morning Story: 'For Richer' by Cath Binnie. Read by Peter Adamson and 10.45 An Act of Worship – music and prayer.
12.00 News; Your Move or Mine: Telephone 01-580 4411 Bill Breckon opens the door on the housing world with the help of financial expert Tom Tickell.
12.27 The Grumbleweeds.† 12.55 Weather; Programme news.
1.00 The World At One.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Women's Hour. A visit to a Wiltshire farm where mentally disabled young people learn about farming and horticulture. And Eve Karpf reads part one of Rosemary Friedman's A Loving Mistress
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Name for the Day By Colin Hadyn Evans. With Christopher Ettridge, Ingrid Hafner and Angela Phillips. The story of a man who agrees to be committed to a mental institution. But once there, he finds it very difficult to get out again.†
4.00 News: Enquire Within.
4.10 Bookshelf
4.40 Story Time: 'Futility' by William Gerhardie (9). Read by Roger Rees.
5.00 PM: News magazine 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather: Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News. Financial Report.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1984. General knowledge contest. (4) The Home Counties.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers? With David Jacobs.
7.40 The Weather: Anthony Smith examines our understanding of the forces that produce weather.
8.05 Your Move or Mine: Telephone 01-580 4411 Bill Breckon and Tom Tickell are joined by experts to answer questions on mortgages, etc.
8.50 Actuality. The second of 10 montage documentaries.
9.30 Angus McDermid in the BBC sound archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan goes to see a recreation of a Viking street – 'The Vikings in York'
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'I'm not complaining' by Ruth Adam (9). Read by Gwen Taylor.
10.30 The World Tonight; Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close. Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather: Travel 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4, So You Want to be an Actor? 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Everyday Sound Worlds. 11.50 State and Society.

Radio 3

6.00 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Milhaud's Four Dances (Saudades do Brasil); Stravinsky's Pastorale (Kremer, soloist): Shubert's An die Musik (Schwarzkopf/Fischer); Fauré's Une chatelaine en sa tour (Gellot, harp); C P E Bach's Concerto in G Wq 34 (Marie-Claire Alain, organ). 8.00 News.†
8.05 Concert: part two. Gershwin's A Cuban Overture; Cannabich's Sinfonia Concertante in C; Bloch's Concerto Grosso No 2 for string orchestra; Tchaikovsky's Waltz and Polonaise from Eugene Onegin. 9.00 News.†
9.05 This Week's Composers: Purcell and Britten. Includes Purcell's In guilty night (Saul and the witch of Endor); and Britten's The Holy Sonnets of John Donne (Pears/Britten) and Canticle 1V: Journey of the Magi.†
10.00 Ravel: RIAS Chamber Chorus and Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra play the Symphonic fragments Daphnis et Chloe.†
10.35 Wolfl and Beethoven: Silver Duo play Josef Wolfl's Sonata in D minor Op 31; and Beethoven's Sonata in E flat Op 64 (String Trio, Op3).†
11.30 Chamber Orchestras of Europe: Paillard Chamber Orchestra play d'Indy's Suite in the old style: Bach's Sinfonias from Cantatas 49 and 29; Haydn's Trumpet Concerto; Rameau's Chaconne from Les Indes Galants; and Mondonville's Dominus regnavit (with Adam de la Halle Choir of Arras, and soloists). 1.00 News.†
1.05 What the Critics Said: The art of record criticism between two World Wars, considered by John Steane. Music by Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Prokofiev, Dvorak assessed by W R. Anderson.†
2.00 Dvorak: Stabat Mater. BBC Concert Orchestra and Symphony Chorus and soloists Cahill (soprano), Buchan (mezzo), Woollam (tenor) and Hudson (bass).†
3.20 Piano Recital: Peter Bithell plays Haydn's Variations in F minor, Chopin's Barcarolle Op 60 and various works by Debussy (incl L'isle Joyeuse).†
3.55 Symphonies of Michael Tippett: BBC SO, with Josephine Barstow (soprano). Symphony No 3.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Works by Liszt, Bach, Richard Strauss, Vivaldi and Mendelssohn, selected by Jeremy Siepmann.†
6.30 Grandstand: Besses o' Th' Barn Band plays Howells's Three Figures, and Sparke's Land of the Long White Cloud.†
7.00 Lieder in English: recital by Brian Bannatyne-Scott (bass-baritone), with Roger Vignoles (piano). Works by Loewe and Schubert (incl Man's Limitations (Grenzen der Menschheit).
7.30 Beethoven: The LSO at the Royal Festival Hall. The Triple Concerto in C (Mintz/Harrell/Frankl). Part two at 8.25 †
8.05 The Return of Grand Theory: Social philosophy changes and developments in two decades, considered by Alan Ryan, Reader in Politics in the University of Oxford.
8.25 Beethoven: Concert, part two. Romances for Violin and orchestra in G and F; and the Symphony No 1. (Abbado conducts).†
9.40 Chopin and Prokofiev: Ramzi Yassa piano recital. Chopin's Ballade No 1 in G minor; Nocturne in B, Op 62 No 1; and Prokofiev's suite Cinderella.†
10.20 Music in Our Time: Gemini with Margaret Field (soprano) in Pratt's Between the lines: Reader's Chromatalea: Hopkins's Noche Oscura: and Wiegold's Dance Piece.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University. 6.35-6.55am, and 11.20pm-12.00.

Radio 2

News on the hour Major bulletins: 7.00, 8.00am 1.00pm 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30am (mf/mw). 4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 David Hamilton.† incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Steve Jones.† incl 1.05Sport. 2.00 Gloria hunniford.† incl. 2.02; 3.02 Sport. 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 Paul Burnett.† incl. 4.02; 5.05 Sport. 6.00 John Dunn.† incl 6.02 Sport. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 8.00 Wally Whyton with Country Concert and Country Club.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) including 11.02 Sport 12.05 Sport. 1.00 Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Marching and Waltzing.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (mf/mw) 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Janice Long, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Richard Skinner 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radio 1 and 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 The Farming World. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 The Cambridge Buskers 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 International Soccer Special 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Holst And His Circle. 10.15 Monitor 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 Assignment. 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK 1.45 The Pleasure's Yours. 2.30 Discovery. 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 A Jolly Good Show 9.15 Ulster Newsletter 9.20 In the Meantime 9.30 Business Matters 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Mourning Becomes Electra. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 W C Fields. 2.30 Omnibus. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today
(All times in GMT)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m. Radio 1/2 VHF 88-91MHz. Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz, MF 1215kHz/247m. Radio 4 LF 200kHz/1500m and VHF 92-95MHz. Greater London Area MF 720kHz/417m. LBC MF 1152kHz/261m, VHF 97.3MHz. Capital MF 1548kHz/194m, VHF 95.8MHz. BBC Radio London MF 1458kHz/206m and VHF 94.9MHz. World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Wales 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Wales Today. 11.40 News headlines. Scotland 12.55-1.00pm News. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.40 News headlines. Northern Ireland 12.57-1.00pm Northern Ireland news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scene Around Six. 11.40 News headlines. England 5.55pm (Part of Sixty Minutes) 11.45 Close.

S4C 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 3.00 Make it Count. 3.25 Flashback. 3.55 Cautionary Tales. 4.20 Countdown. 4.50 Guto Goch a Malwen. 5.05 Y Gwylt. 5.30 Wayne and Shuster. 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Here's Lucy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Snwcer Merched. 8.00 Coleg. 8.30 The Heart of the Dragon. 9.30 Eryri. 10.15 Film: In for Treatment. 11.55 Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 First Thing. 10.25 Film – Scouts Honour (Gary Coleman). 11.55-12.00 Hailes and Bachelor Cartoon. 1.20-1.30 North News. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.20 Police News. 6.25 Crossroads 6.50-7.20 Mr & Mrs. 10.30 The Spanish Civil War. 11.30 About Gaelic. 12.00 The Two of Us. 12.30 North headlines and weather. 12.35 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25-9.30 North East News. 10.25 The Nature of Things. 11.20 Vicky the Viking. 11.45-12.00 Larry the Lamb. 1.20*-1.30 North East News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 6.50-7.20 Emmerdale Farm. 12.00 God in Good Season.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

YORKSHIRE As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Weather 10.25 A Land, A Man, A God. 10.55 European Folk Tales. 11.05-12.00 Pink Floyd at Pompeii. 12.30-1.00 Thats Hollywood. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30-2.00 Calendar Thursday. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Calendar. 6.25 Crossroads. 6.50-7.20 Emmerdale Farm. 10.30-11.00 The John Briggs Music Show. 12.00 Jazz at The Smithsonian. 12.30 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25-12.00 Film – Doctor in Love (Michael Craig). 1.20-1.30 Border News. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00 Lookaround 6.25 Crossroads. 6.50-7.20 Emmerdale Farm. 12.00 News summary. 12.03 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25-9.30 The Day Ahead. 10.25 Sport Billy. 10.50 Cartoon Time. 11.05 Laurel and Hardy in Scram. 11.30 3-2-1 Contact. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30 It's A Vet's Life. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.15 Police Six. 6.25 Crossroads. 6.50-7.20 Emmerdale Farm. 10.30-11.00 Counterpoint. 12.00 News.

CENTRAL As London except: starts 9.25 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55 Ventura. 10.20 Bracken. 11.10 Land of the Dragon. 11.35 The new Fred and Barney Show. 12.25 European Folk Tales. 1.20 Central news. 2.00 Film: The Great Chase* – (Buster Keaton. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 6.50 Emmerdale Farm. 10.30 Central Lobby. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except 10.25 Ride the Gentle Breeze. 10.40 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 11.10-12.00 Space 1999. 1.20-1.30 HTV News. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 HTV News. 6.25 Crossroads. 6.50-7.20 Emmerdale Farm. 10.30-11.00 Acker at The Fleece. 12.00 Weather and Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-6.25 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week. 11.00-11.30 My Way. 11.30-12.30 The Spanish Civil War. 12.30 Weather and Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25 Spread Your Wings. 10.50 Joe 90. 11.15 Flora and Fauna. 11.30-12.00 A Land, A Man, A God. 1.20-1.30 Scottish News. 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.30-4.00 At Ease. 5.10 Bodyline. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.35 Hear Here. 6.50-7.20 Now You See It. 10.30-11.00 A Scotland Today Special. 12.00 Late Call. 12.05 Report. 12.35 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: starts 9.25 Atom Ant. 9.30 The World We Live In. 9.55 Kum Kum. 10.20 Father Murphy. 11.05 Target The Impossible. 11.30 Dick Tracy. 11.40-12.00 Laurel and Hardy in Flying Elephants* 12.30-1.00 Paint along with Nancy. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 About Britain. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 This is your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 6.50-7.20 Emmerdale Farm. 12.00 Making a Living. 12.30 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25 European Folk Tales. 10.40 The Adventurer 11.05 Wild Canada. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20-1.30 Anglia News 5.15-5.45 Animals in Action. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.25 Crossroads. 6.50-7.20 That's My Boy. 10.30-11.00 Newhart. 12.00 House Calls. 12.30 One Plus Two; Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25-9.28 Farming Brief. 10.25 Father Murphy. 11.20 Matt and Jenny. 11.45-12.00 Little Rascals. 1.20-1.30 TVS News. 2.00-2.30 Happy Days. 5.15-5.45 Take the High Road. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Crossroads. 6.50-7.20 Emmerdale Farm. 10.30-11.00 Backchat. 12.00 Company Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25-12.00 Film: Doctor In Love (Michael Craig) 1.20-1.30 pm TSW News headlines. 2.30 Happy Days. 3.00-3.30 University Challenge. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.20 Gardens For All. 6.50-7.20 That's My Boy. 10.34-11.00 Bosum Buddies. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend (Dionne Warwick). 12.25 Postscript. 12.30 Weather and Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20-1.30 Channel News. 2.30 Happy Days. 3.00-3.30 University Challenge. 5.15-5.45 The Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.20 Crossroads. 6.50-7.20 That's My Boy. 10.34-11.00 Bosum Buddies. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend (Dionne Warwick). 12.25 News and Weather in French, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Entertainments

Unarmed guards to protect arms factories

By Richard Evans

Royal Ordnance factories, which produce much of the ammunition and arms for the Armed Forces, are to be protected by unarmed employees of private security companies when they are sold later this year, it was revealed last night.

The disclosure, by Ministry of Defence security personnel to the Commons Select Committee on defence, was greeted with anger by MPs of all parties. The factories are currently protected by Ministry of Defence police, who have access to arms.

Mr Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, said: "The only deterrent effect we will have to a terrorist or a spy will be Fred to nightwatchman, with an armlock and a rolled up copy of *The Sun*."

Mr Ewen Broadbent, second permanent under secretary at the ministry, told MPs the new security arrangements had ministers' approval.

Mr Arthur Rucker, director of Ministry of Defence security, said security arrangements would have to satisfy the ministry before contracts were placed. If the arrangements proved less than satisfactory, they could be open to reconsideration. But the officials' assurances failed to satisfy MPs.

Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, said that the arms, explosives, granades and other offensive weaponry produced by the factories, were the "bread and butter" of terrorism.

Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, demanded to know what had changed to persuade the ministry that security staff without access to arms could provide adequate cover.

"What change has there been in the assessment of the terrorist threat to these establishments that makes you satisfied that the policy of having arms readily available can be dispensed with, and one can go to a situation where security people will not have access to arms?"

Dr John Gilbert, Labour MP for Dudley East and acting committee chairman, said there had been case after case in the past where private security firms had fallen down on the job and huge sums of money had been stolen.

In its written submission to the committee, ministry officials disclosed an enormous rise in the breaches of physical security at defence establishments. The incursions reflected the increased activity of the anti-nuclear movement, particularly at Greenham Common, they said.



Fog tragedy: Six people died in this multiple crash of more then 20 vehicles near Liederdop as fog blanketed The Netherlands yesterday. Throughout the country at least 12 people were killed and 29 injured in reaction accidents

Richard Owen reports on the Chernenko victory

The odds defied

President Chernenko beamed, smiled, waved, as he held his hands above his head in a victory salute. It was a stark contrast with the Supreme Soviet last June when Mr Yuri Andropov, at that stage already ailing, sat gloomily and impassive, staring down with apparent indifference at the 1,500 deputies who had just elected him head of state.

Mr Chernenko looked as if he was very pleased indeed to be President, as well he might, given that after his defeat at the hands of Mr Andropov in November, 1982, few would have put money on the chances of President Brezhnev's office assistant and protégé reaching the pinnacle of power.

Yesterday Mr Chernenko looked sun-tanned and relatively fit, although he supported himself on the backs of chairs as he walked stiffly down from the platform to the podium to say what a high honour it was to be President, and again to nominate his close friend and associate Mr Nikolai Tikhonov as Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

As on previous occasions Mr Chernenko's voice was breathless and faint, although he did not lose his place as he did on national television on the eve of the Soviet elections last month.

Back on the platform Mr Chernenko bent to hear words of congratulation from Mr Tikhonov, who sat next to him, and reached down the row to shake the proffered hands of other members of the old guard. Marshal Dimitry Ustinov, the Defence Minister, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, both of whom had been mooted as possible presidential candidates.

In the row behind, the younger generation sat waiting to take over: Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, a damp lock of hair across his rapidly receding hairline, Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov and Mr Grigoriy Romanov. Behind them was Mr Geidar Aliyev, seen as Prime Minister in the next administration, although he did not look prominent yesterday.

Mr Gorbachov looked supremely confident, striding down to the podium with a smart red file tucked under his arm to nominate Mr Chernenko, "a tested leader of the Leninist type". He spoke clearly.

In the hall a forest of arms went up almost before the chairman had finished uttering the ritual phrase, "Who is against? No one" with barely a pause between question and answer.

Few of the deputies looked as if they were interested in the "serious, lively exchange of opinions" which Mr Chernenko called for at Tuesday's Central Committee plenum.

Outside, on streets glistening in the spring sun after a burst of rain, giant red posters went up bearing quotations from the new President's speeches: further proof of the burgeoning personality cult which began in earnest on Tuesday with an article in *Red Star*, on Mr Chernenko's service with the border guards in the 1930s and the accompanying photograph of his younger, slimmer, more active self.

His reference in the Great Hall of the Kremlin yesterday to the need for "carefully considered decisions", coming after his equally cautious and lacklustre plenum speech, suggested that he and Mr Tikhonov intend to make Mr Gorbachov wait a while before he – or another young Turk – is nominated for Russia's supreme posts to universal and unquestioning acclaim, just as Mr Chernenko was by Mr Gorbachov, and Mr Andropov by Mr Chernenko.

The new President

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peace", with outstanding political and organizational abilities and immense experience". He pointedly recalled that Mr Chernenko had preceded him as chairman of the foreign affairs committee.

***In reply, Mr Chernenko* said he was aware of his great responsibility and of the need for "major, carefully considered decisons" to improve the economy.**

The Andropov economic reforms are a bone of contention between Mr Chernenko and Andropov proteges of the younger generation headed by Mr Gorbachov. On foreign policy Mr Chernenko said Moscow was firm and consistent in its search for "sensible agreements."

Mr Chernnenko beamed and waved from the platform as his election was unanimously approved

Labour calls summit on Trade Union Bill

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Senior Labour Party officials and the trade unions are to hold a summit meeting in June to plan a strategy to minimize the impact of government legislation introducing compulsory ballots on union political funds.

The decision to call the conference was taken yesterday as private polling of union members got under way to provide union leaders with an accurate guide as to the likely voting patterns and their impact on Labour Party finances.

It was suggested that the Trade Union Bill could lead to a drop of about 20 per cent in Labour's income if, as expected, members of several key unions vote against the continuation of political funds which are normally used to channel funds to the party.

About £2m of Labour's £3.6m income in 1982 came from the trade unions with the great majority of union members paying the political levy. The Trade Union Bill, when it becomes law, will provide for compulsory ballots every 10 years on whether unions should continue to operate political funds.

Concern being expressed in the unions and the Labour Party means that the proposed conference to be held at Woodstock College, owned by the General, Municipal, Boilermakers, and Allied Trades Union – will probably be attended by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and other senior leaders.

The conference is being organized by Trade Unions for a Labour Victory, the fund-raising vehicle for the party among the unions. It has also arranged polls to be conducted by Market and Opinion Research International (Mori) on the views of union members about the impending ballots.

Information from the polls, the first of which has been completed, will be made available to the summit. The meeting will decide whether to organize the ballots in unions with political funds all on the same day (described as the "big bang" approach) or to organize a rolling programme of ballots.

The latter strategy, favoured by some influential union leaders, would provide the opportunity to put first in line those unions expected to return ballot votes to continue political funds thus creating a "bandwagon effect" in the hope of sweeping up others.

Latest statistics from the Certification Officer for Trade Unions indicate that unions whose political funds look vulnerable in ballot votes include the television technicians' union, ACTT, the white-collar union, ASTMS, the printing unions, Sogat '82 and the NGA, and the Durham and Northumberland areas of the mineworkers' union.

All those record less than 50 per cent of their memberships paying the political levy, while others with proportions of between 50 and 60 per cent include such staunch supporters of the Labour Party as the steelworkers' union, ISTC, the white-collar section of the engineering union, Tass, and the National Union of Mineworkers as a whole.

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Goldwater condemns CIA operations

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we will not be in any position to put up much of an argument".

Mr Casey claimed, under a grilling by the Senate Intelligence Committee behind closed doors on Tuesday, that he had previously referred to the mining operation when outlining to them a package of destabilising measures the CIA was directing in Nicaragua. But if he did, few Senators recalled it.

Administration officials said privately yesterday that the mining had stopped last weekend, shortly after the US role in the operation had been widely reported in the American press. However, as the Administration has never publicly admitted it was involved in the mining, it has not been able to say that its activities have now ceased.

Although the resolution passed on Tuesday is not binding on the Administration, it was the first time the Senate had gone on record in opposition to any aspect of the President's policy in Central America.

The resolution places the Senate on record as being against the use of US funds to "plan, direct, execute or support the mining of the territirial waters of Nicaragua".

President Reagan tried to shrug off the Senate action by remarking: "If it is not binding, I can live with it. I think there is a great hysteria raised about the whole thing. We are not going to war."

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales visits British Airways and the British Airports Authority, Heathrow Airport, Stanmore, Middlesex, arrives at British Airways, 11.

Princess Margaret, as president of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends a Gala Performance by the Scottish Ballet, at His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen, 7.25.

Princess Alexandra, presents the Britannia Arrow Ross McWhirter Young Citizens Awards at Goldsmiths' Hall, EC2, 11.30.

New exhibitions

Paintings by Jean Gardner and Sheila Macmillan, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until April 30).

Oil paintings, York and somet Italian cities, by David Fowkes, The Stonegate Gallery, 52a Stonegate, York; Weds to Sat 10.30 to 5, closed Sun to Tues (until May 5).

Exhibitions in progress

Eye for India, photographs by four English and Indian photographers, National Museum of Photography, Princes View, Bradford, West Yorks; Tues to Sat 12 to 8, Sun 2.30 to 6, closed Mon (until May 22).

Sea Papers: recent work by Elizabeth Ogilvie, Talbot Rice Arts Centre, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (until April 12).

Prints by Jonathan Robertson and Sue MacKechnie, Glasgow Print Studio, 128 Ingram St; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 10.30 to 4, closed Sun (until April 24).

Landscape Photographs by Roger Palmer, Cambridge Darkroom, Dales Brewery, Gwydir St; Tues to Sat 12 to 8, Sun 12 to 6 (until April 25).

Prints by Manet: Cooper Gallery, Church St, Barnsley; Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30, closed Mons (until April 29).

Drawings by Blair Adams, Hunterian Art Gallery, University of Glasgow; Mon to Fri, 10 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, closed Sun (until April 14).

Patty Townsend (1845-1907), Portrait of an Artist, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Jordon Well, Coventy; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5 (until April 29).

Making a Splash: 100 years of bathing clothes, Museum of Costume, Assembly Rooms, Bennett St, Bath; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 6, Sun 10 to 6 (until November 4).

Carer Gwyth: Lover of Trees, watercolours and drawings by William Martin, Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Offices, Cornwall; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30, closed Sat and Sun (until April 27).

Last chance to see

Sea Papers: recent work by Elizabeth Ogilvie, Talbot Rice Arts Centre, Old Colege, South Bridge, Edinburgh; 10 to 5 (ends today).

F M Dostoyevski, a touring exhibition from the Soviet Union, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, 9.30 to 6 (ends today)

Painting, sculpture and video by young French, German and British artists, Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, SW7; 10 to 6 (ends today).

Spring Open Exhibition – paintings, drawings, collage and sculpture, 2 Salisbury Road, Mosley, Birmingham 9.30 to 6 (ends today).

Music

Concert by Rudolf Barshai and Yefim Bronfman with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Winter Gardens, 7.30.

Concert by The Bridge Piano Trio, Solihull Library Theatre, 1.

Concert by south Glamorgan Junior Schools, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.

Concert by The Stan Tracey Quartet, Union Hall, Londonderry, 8.30.

Concert by Ulster Orchestra, Town Hall, Ballymena, 7.45.

Concert by Bournemouth Sinfonietta, St John's Hall, Penzance, 7.30.

Recital by Geoffrey King (cello) and Brian Cryer (piano), Stainforth Middle School, Church Rd, Doncaster, 7.30.

Recital by Rachel Copley (soprano), Eric Hill (clarinet) and Christopher Wiltshire (piano), Marble Saloon, Wentworth Wood House, Doncaster, 7.30.

Concert by the Richmondshire Chamber Choir, St John's Church, Hipswell, Catterick Garrison, 7.30 pm.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,403

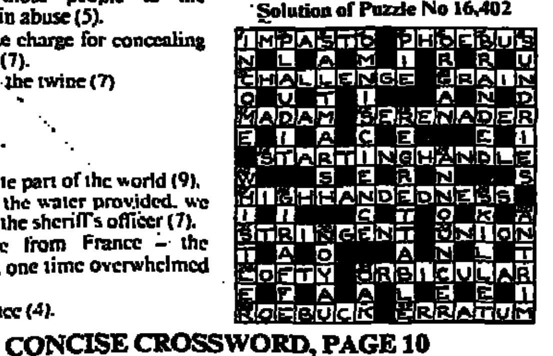
ACROSS

1 Nude in act, perhaps (7).
5 Child's the one to catch, to relieve mother (4,3).
9 Scot turned round to notice nymph (5).
10 Tree being a little distance inside (9).
11 Hard water? It depends (6).
12 *Cut version of 22 ac* (8).
14 Impish fellow fell in river, backwards (5).
15 Sweet beverage with water, frozen (9).
18 North African fruit (9).
20 Is extravagant with music (5).
22 He'll support the queen, after a time (8).
24 In front of ship, harmful wave (6).
26 In Ophir, aged heiroglyph is deciphered (9).
27 Subject those people to the ultimate in abuse (5).
28 Anticipate charge for concealing minerals (7).
29 Wear out the twine (7)

DOWN

1 Temperate part of the world (9).
2 Remove the water provided, we hear, for the sheriff's officer (7).
3 Fragrance from France – the colour at one time overwhelmed it (9).
4 A kind face (4).
5 Shows up a difficulty, with disastrous sequels (10).
6 Composer providing happiness (5).
7 Warrior, one escorting lords and ladies when going north (7).
8 Cask Edward put into good order (5).
13 Ignorant, as I will keep on saying (10).
16 Dungeon – should I be let out for a change? (9).
17 The girl we embraced, after I left Miss Maynard in another place (9).
19 It's unclear how such devices explode (7).
21 Most unpleasant fruit is from abroad (7).
22 Music, with the French missing the boat (5).
23 Leading Abyssinian drink (5).
25 Dramatist's a washout (4).

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New books – paperback

A selection of interesting books published this week:
Absent Without Leave and other stories by Heinrich Böll (Marion Boyars, £5.95)
All of Us There by Polly Devlin (Pan, £1.75)
Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter by Mario Vargas Llosa (Picador, £2.95)
Daddyji – Mamaji by Ved Mehta (Picador, £3.50)
Grenada: Revolution, Invasion and Aftermath by Hugh O'Shaughnessy (Sphere, £2.95)
Ideology and Insanity: essays on the psychiatric dehumanization of man by *Thomas S. Szasz* (Marion Boyars, £4.95)
In Search of Ireland by H V Morton (Methuen, £4.95)
Miss Mole by E H Young (Virago, £3.50)
Some Day I'll Find You by H A Williams (Fount, £2.95)
Unlikely Stories, Mostly by Alasdair Gray (Penguin, £4.95)

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Anniversaries

Edward Bird, painter, was born at Wolverhampton, 1772.

Deaths: William Kent, architect, designer and landscape gardener London, 1748; Charles Burney, organist and music historian, London, 1814; Feodor Chaliapin, bass singer, Paris, 1938; Franklin D Roosevelt, 32nd President of the USA 1933-45, Warm Springs, Georgia, 1945.

The first manned flight in space was made by Yuri Gagarin in Vostok I which orbited the Earth once in 1 hour 29 mins, 1961.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Housing and Building Control Bill, Lords amendments.

Lords (11): Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, second reading.

Sealink protest

Sealink ferry services to the Isle of Wight will be disrupted today as a result of a trade union campaign against privatization of the company. Seamen and railwaymen are due to stop work at 10 am. Check with Sealink for details on sailings.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.63	1.55
Austria Sch	27.70	26.10
Belgium Fr	82.00	78.00
Canada $	1.89	1.82
Denmark Kr	14.34	13.64
Finland Mkk	8.36	7.96
France Fr	11.90	11.40
Germany DM	3.88	3.70
Greece Dr	156.00	146.00
Hongkong $	11.55	10.95
Ireland	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2395.00	2295.00
Japan Yen	337.00	321.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.18
Norway Kr	11.33	10.73
Portugal Esc	195.50	185.50
South Africa Rd	1.96	1.82
Spain Pta	217.00	206.00
Sweden Kr	11.64	11.06
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.06
U.S.$	1.48	1.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	183.00	173.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 344.0.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 7.5 at 886.1.

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Roads

Wales and West: M45: Between junctions 15-17, various lane closures on S carriageway, northbound access slip road closed at junction 17, diversion via A38 to junction 16 delays particularly during Easter holidays. A361: Temporary traffic signals NE of Taunton. A30: Lane closures on the Launceston by-pass between Launceston and Indian Queens.

North: Manchester City Centre, two major sewers have collapsed leaving just one route open for drivers heading north out of the city. A56: Chester Road, Old Trafford, Greater Manchester, Manchester bound carriageway reduced to one lane for gas repairs. M6: Between junctions 20 and 2 at Thewell viaduct, Cheshire, lanes closed on both sides. M6: Between junctions 32 and 33 (M55 and Lancaster) Lancashire, contraflow.

Scotland: A74: Carriageway improvements at Beattock Summit, northbound carriageway closed, two-way traffic on the southbound. A75: At Threave Bridge, west of Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrigh, Bridge damage single line traffic with lights. A82: 1.5 miles south of Ardlui, road subsidence single line traffic with lights.

Information supplied by the AA

The papers

The Herald in Zimbabwe criticizes Britain's "unseemly haste" in granting citizenship to the South African distance runner Zola Budd. "Britain is on record as discouraging immigrants, especially the non-white variety, from coming. And yet no effort was spared to whisk Zola into the country and grant her a British passport. Would she have had the same treatment if she had been black? We doubt it."

The newspaper added: "So far as we know Zola has not renounced her South African citizenship, has not denounced the reprehensible apartheid (racist) system and, in short, has done nothing to distance herself from Pretoria."

Commenting on America's rôle in the mining of Nicaragua's ports, the Daily Mirror says that "President Reagan and the hawks in the White House are obsessed with that poverty-stricken land. They are terrified that the Marxist government there, which threw out a US-backed oppressive regime, will lead to creeping Communism in Central America. So they have poured money, arms, and military experts into attempts to overthrow it. They treat Nicaragua as the US's back yard even though it is well over 1,000 miles away."

Weather forecast

A depression S of Iceland will move quickly E towards Norway, while a ridge of high pressure is maintained over S Britain.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Cen S, E, SW England, Midlands, E Anglia, Channel Islands, S Wales: Mainly dry with sunny periods, wind, SW Light, max temp 11c (52f).

N Wales, NW, NE Cen N England: Sunny intervals, isolated showers, wind, SW, mainly moderate, max temp 10c (50f).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cen Highlands, Moray Firth, N Ireland: A few bright intervals becoming rather cloudy with a little rain in places, wind, SW fresh, max temp (10c 50f).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Mainly cloudy, outbreaks of rain, some heavy and prolonged wind, SW strong locally gale, max temp. (9c 48f).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Sunny intervals and showers or longer periods of rain in the N. Mainly dry with sunny periods in the S, becoming warmer in the S.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: wind NW moderate becoming SW, fair, visibility good, sea slight. English Channel (E), St George's Channel: wind SW light or moderate, fair, visibility good, sea slight. Irish Sea: wind SW fresh increasing strong in N, occasional rain, visibility good becoming moderate, sea moderate or rough.

Sun rises: 6.11 am Sun sets: 7.53 pm
Moon sets: 5.23 am Moon rises: 3.15 pm
Full Moon: April 15.

Lighting-up time

London 8.23 pm to 5.39 am
Bristol 8.32 pm to 5.49 am
Edinburgh 8.44 pm to 5.42 am
Manchester 8.35 pm to 5.44 am
Penzance 8.42 pm to 6.03 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: f, fair; r, rain; c, cloud; s, sun.

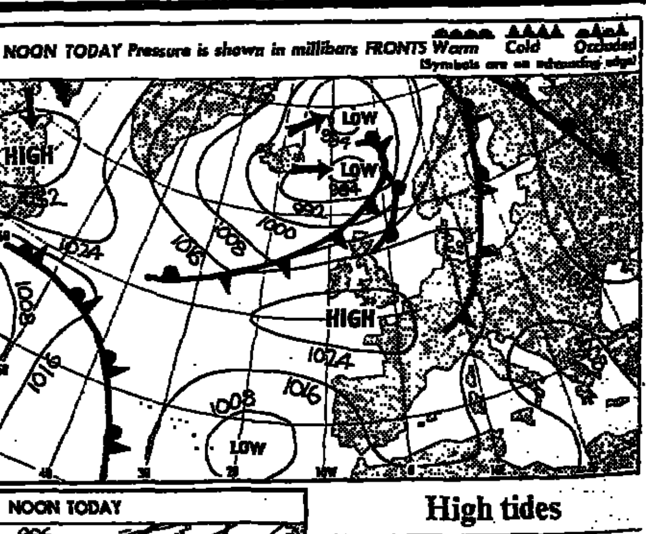
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	8	46	Guernsey	f	9	48
Birmingham	r	9	48	Inverness	f	5	41
Blackpool	f	9	48	Jersey	f	8	46
Bristol	r	10	50	London	c	12	54
Cardiff	c	10	50	Manchester	f	9	48
Edinburgh	c	8	46	Newcastle	c	9	48
Glasgow	c	7	45	Ronaldsway	s	9	48

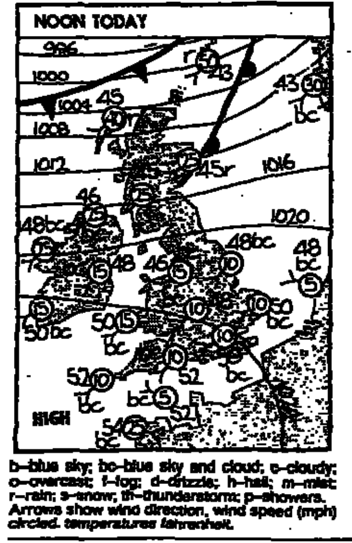
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.6 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Exeter 15C (59F). Lowest day max: Cape Wrath 5C (41F), highest rainfall: Dlabeg (W Scot) 0.35 in, highest sunshine: Aberdeen 9 hr.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorms; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

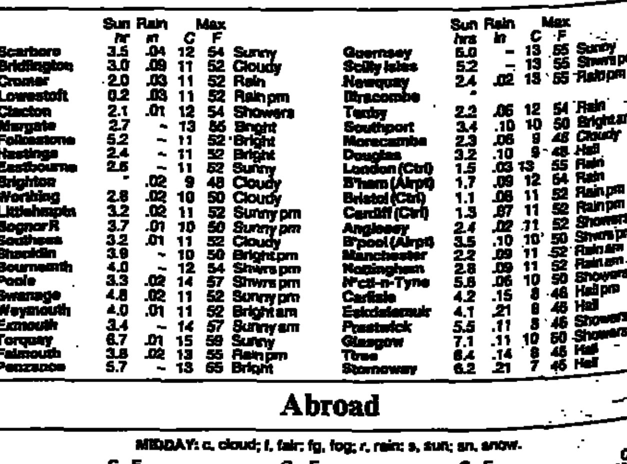
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.42	6.3	00.00	0.0
Aberdeen	11.19	3.7	00.00	0.0
Avonmouth	4.41	10.8	5.30	11.3
Belfast	8.55	3.2	9.40	3.0
Cardiff	4.28	10.0	5.15	10.5
Devonport	3 13	4.7	4.09	4.7
Dover	9.06	5.6	9.34	5.9
Falmouth	2.43	4.5	3.39	4.3
Glasgow	10.40	4.0	11.58	4.1
Harwich	9.52	3.7	10.20	3.5
Holyhead	8.23	4.9	9.01	5.0
Hull	4.18	6.3	4.32	6.30
Ilfracombe	3.47	7.5	4.29	7.8
Leith	12.18	4.7	12.49	4.8
Liverpool	9.11	8.1	9.49	8.5
Lowestoft	7.32	2.2	7.25	2.1
Margate	10.00	4.2	10.18	4.3
Milford Haven	4.01	5.8	4.42	6.0
Newquay	2.58	5.9	3.38	6.1
Oban	4.10	3.3	4.54	3.3
Penzance	2.24	4.7	3.15	4.7
Portland	4.15	1.8	5.22	1.8
Portsmouth	9.16	3.9	9.58	4.3
Shoreham	9.12	5.3	9.49	5.8
Southampton	8.53	3.9	9.34	4.2
Swansea	4.07	7.9	4.48	8.2
Tees	1.38	4.5	1.55	4.7
Walton-on-Naze	9.46	3.7	10.10	3.6

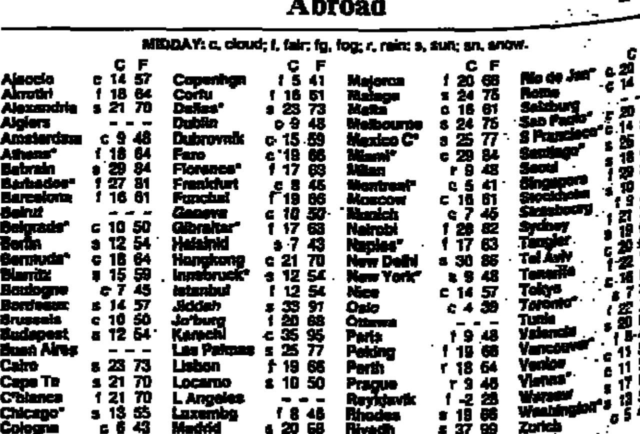
Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	3.5	.04	12	54	Sunny	Guernsey	6.0	–	13	55	Sunny
Bridlington	3.0	.09	11	52	Cloudy	Scilly Isles	5.2	–	13	55	Shwrs pm
Cromer	2.0	.03	11	52	Rain	Newquay	2.4	.02	13	55	Rain pm
Lowestoft	0.2	.03	11	52	Rain pm	Ilfracombe					
Clacton	2.1	.01	12	54	Showers	Tenby	2.2	.06	12	54	Rain
Margate	2.7	–	13	55	Bright	Southport	3.4	.10	10	50	Bright am
Folkestone	5.2	–	11	52	Bright	Morecambe	2.3	.06	9	48	Cloudy
Hastings	2.4	–	11	52	Bright	Douglas	3.2	.10	9	48	Hail
Eastbourne	2.6	–	11	52	Sunny	London (Ctrl)	1.5	.03	13	55	Rain
Brighton	-	.02	9	48	Cloudy	B'ham (Airpt)	1.7	.09	12	54	Rain
Worthing	2.8	.02	10	50	Cloudy	Bristol (Ctrl)	1.1	.06	11	52	Rain pm
Littlehmptn	3.2	.02	11	52	Sunny pm	Cardiff (Ctrl)	1.3	.07	11	52	Rain pm
Bognor R	3.7	.01	10	50	Sunny pm	Anglesey	2.4	.02	11	52	Showers
Southsea	3.2	.01	11	52	Cloudy	B'pool (Airpt)	3.5	.10	10	50	Shwrs pm
Shanklin	3.9	–	10	50	Bright pm	Manchester	2.2	.09	11	52	Rain am
Bournemth	4.0	–	12	54	Shwrs pm	Nottingham	2.8	.09	11	52	Rain am
Poole	3.3	.02	14	57	Shwrs pm	N'cstl-n-Tyne	5.8	.06	10	50	Showers
Swanage	4.8	.02	11	52	Sunny pm	Carlisle	4.2	.15	8	46	Hail pm
Weymouth	4.0	.01	11	52	Bright am	Eskdalemuir	4.1	.21	8	46	Hail
Exmouth	3.4	–	14	57	Sunny am	Prestwick	5.5	.11	8	46	Showers
Torquay	6.7	.01	15	59	Sunny	Glasgow	7.1	.11	10	50	Showers
Falmouth	3.8	.02	13	55	Rain pm	Tiree	6.4	.14	8	46	Hail
Penzance	5.7	–	13	55	Bright	Stornoway	6.2	.21	7	45	Hail

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	14	57	Copenhgn	f	5	41	Majorca	f	20	68	Rio de Jan*	c	20	68
Akrotiri	f	18	64	Corfu	f	16	61	Malaga	s	24	75	Rome	c	14	57
Alexandria	s	21	70	Dallas*	s	23	73	Malta	c	16	61	Salzburg	-	-	-
Algiers	-	-	-	Dublin	c	9	48	Melbourne	s	24	75	Sao Paolo*	f	20	68
Amsterdam	c	9	48	Dubrovnik	c	15	59	Mexico C*	s	25	77	S Francisco*	c	14	57
Athens*	f	18	64	Faro	c	19	66	Miami*	c	29	84	Santiago*	s	26	79
Bahrain	s	29	84	Florence*	f	17	63	Milan	r	9	48	Seoul	s	18	64
Barbados*	f	27	81	Frankfurt	c	8	46	Montreal*	c	5	41	Singapore	f	29	84
Barcelona	f	16	61	Funchal	f	19	66	Moscow	c	16	61	Stockholm	s	10	50
Beirut	-	-	-	Geneva	c	10	50	Munich	c	7	45	Strasbourg	f	9	48
Belgrade*	c	10	50	Gibraltar*	f	17	63	Nairobi	f	28	82	Sydney	f	21	70
Berlin	s	12	54	Helsinki	s	7	43	Naples*	f	17	63	Tangier	s	19	66
Bermuda*	c	18	64	Hongkong	c	21	70	New Delhi	s	30	86	Tel Aviv	c	20	68
Biarritz	s	15	59	Innsbruck*	s	12	54	New York*	s	9	48	Tenerife	f	22	72
Boulogne	c	7	45	Istanbul	f	12	54	Nice	c	14	57	Tokyo	c	16	61
Bordeaux	s	14	57	Jiddah	s	33	91	Oslo	c	4	39	Toronto*	s	7	45
Brussels	c	10	50	Jo'burg	f	20	68	Ottawa	-	-	-	Tunis	f	22	72
Budapest	s	12	54	Karachi	c	35	95	Paris	f	9	48	Valencia	s	20	68
Buen Aires	-	-	-	Las Palmas	s	25	77	Peking	f	19	66	Vancouver*	f	8	46
Cairo	s	23	73	Lisbon	f	19	66	Perth	r	18	64	Venice	c	11	52
Cape Tn	s	21	70	Locarno	s	10	50	Prague	r	9	48	Vienna*	c	11	52
C'blanca	f	21	70	L Angeles	-	-	-	Reykjavik	f	-2	28	Warsaw	s	17	63
Chicago*	s	13	55	Luxembg	f	8	46	Rhodes	s	19	66	Washington*	s	13	55
Cologne	c	6	43	Madrid	s	20	68	Riyadh	s	37	99	Zurich	c	5	41

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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